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May 28, 2024

Andrea Gymer

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 4455
Date of Request: May 16, 2024
Facility Name: Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center
FID #: 923112
Business Name: Thomasville Medical Center
Business #: 1847
Project Description: To renovate and expand a portion of the existing health service facility that is located on the main campus

County:

Dear Ms. Gymer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Yolanda W. Jackson, Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell, Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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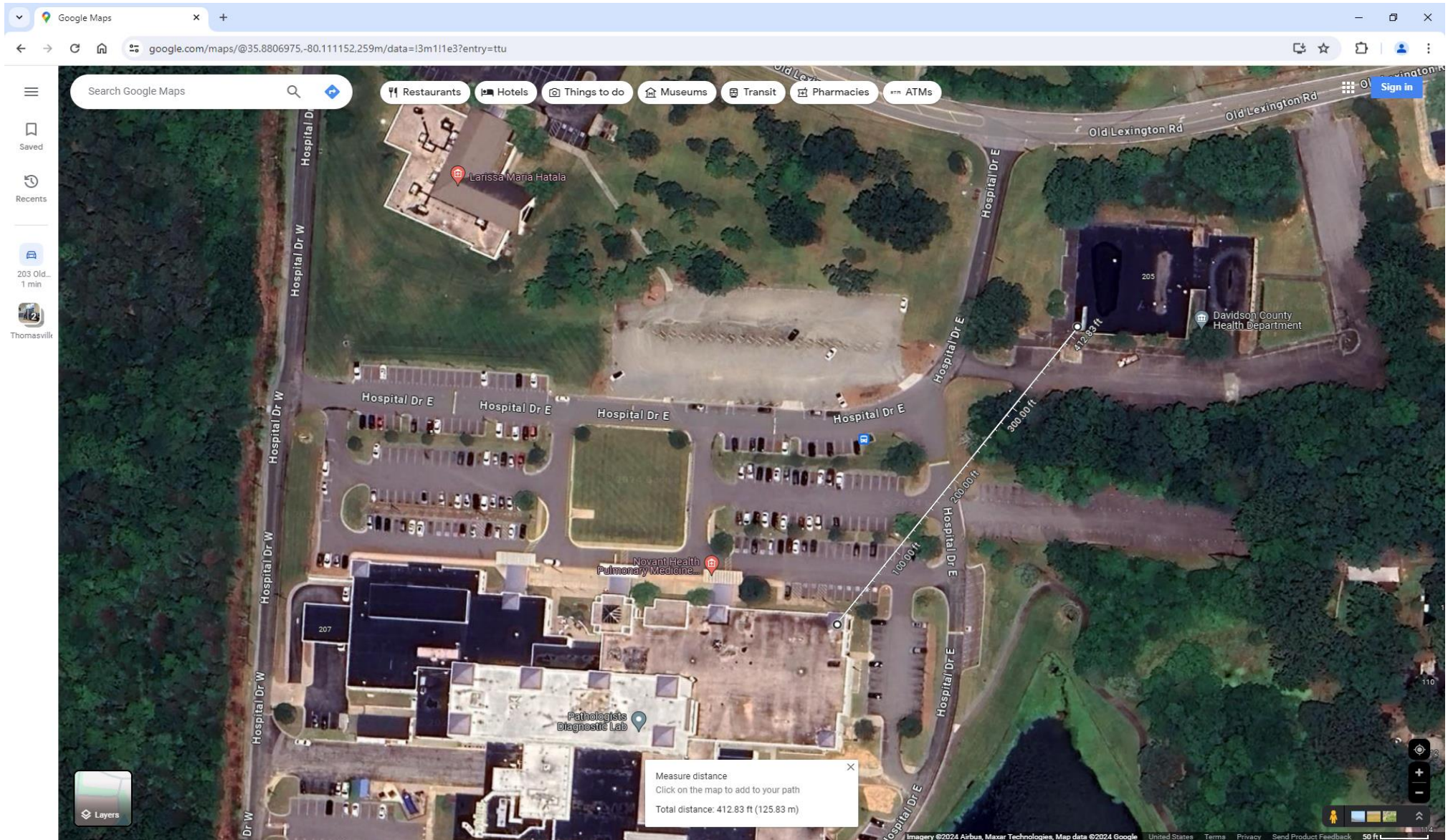
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Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center
Wellness & Education Center

Building to Building Distance between NH Thomasville & Planned Wellness Center: 412.83 feet = **137.61 yards**



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Yolanda,

I've attached a Google map with the distance between NH Thomasville Medical Center and the location of the planned Wellness Center at 203 Old Lexington Road, Thomasville, NC. The distance of the white demarcated line is indicated at the bottom of the map as 412.83 feet. This equates to 137.61 yards which is within the 250-yard requirement.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Regards,

Lisa Griffin
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Ms. Gymer,

Additional information is needed to determine if the project is exempt from review. Please provide us with a letter from your construction team or your engineer or architect attesting to the fact that the building for the new Wellness Center is within 250 yards of the main building or a map with measurements between the buildings which shows the distance in yards.

NCGS § 131E-176(14n)

Main campus. – All of the following for the purposes of G.S. 131E-184(f) and (g) only:

- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.
- b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this request for additional information.

Yolanda Jackson, JD
Project Analyst, CON
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
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May 17, 2024

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Information Request for Exemption Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(g)

Date of Request: May 16, 2024
Facility: Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center
Project Description: To renovate and expand a portion of the existing health service facility that is located on the main campus
County: Davidson
FID #: 923112

Dear Ms. Gymer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your request regarding the project described above. However, additional information is needed to determine if the project is exempt from review pursuant to G.S. 131E-184(g).

Provide a written response to each of the following.

1. If the site of the proposed renovations or construction is not strictly contiguous to the main building, documentation that it is located within 250 yards of the main building.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please do not hesitate to call this office.

Sincerely,

Yolanda W. Jackson
Project Analyst

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VIA EMAIL

Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Gloria Hale, Team Leader
Certificate of Need Section
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Re: Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center – Renovation & Expansion for New Wellness Center
Davidson County; HSA II; FID # 923112

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Hale:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center (“NH Thomasville”) gives this prior written notice of a proposed exempt project. NH Thomasville has acquired the former Varner Building which housed the area health department at 203 Old Lexington Rd., Thomasville, NC and is renovating and upfitting this space as NH Thomasville’s Wellness Center. The new Wellness Center is located adjacent to NH Thomasville’s main campus.

Exemption Provisions

This planned Wellness Center falls within the “Main Campus Exemption Provisions” in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g)(1)-(3). Main Campus Exemption Provisions provide as follows:

- “(g) The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the four million dollar (\$4,000,000) threshold set forth in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. if all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.
 - (2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.
 - (3) The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.

For the purposes of the foregoing Main Campus Provisions in Section 131E-184(g), the term “main campus” is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n) as follows:

“(14n) “Main campus” means all of the following for the purpose of G.S. 131E- 184(f) and (g) only:

- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.
- b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.”

NH Thomasville is a licensed hospital and is thus an existing licensed “health service facility” under the CON Law. See N.C. Gen Stat. § 131E-176(9). The proposed Wellness Center is adjacent and across the street from NH Thomasville’s main campus building. See Exhibit 1. Clinical patient services, financial control, and administrative control of NH Thomasville are all provided in the main campus hospital building.

Project Summary

The new NH Thomasville Wellness Center is expected to open in 2025. The new Wellness Center is to house outpatient rehabilitation services, intensive outpatient behavioral therapy services, substance use and abuse therapy services, chronic disease management services and nutrition counseling. There will be space for community gatherings, cooking and educational classes, and the Baby Café for nursing mothers and newborns will be located in the new space. See Exhibit 2.

In accordance with Section 131E-184(g)(1), the sole purpose of the project is to renovate, replace, or expand a portion of the existing NH Thomasville hospital facility on the main campus. Only existing health services currently offered at NH Thomasville will be provided as a result of this Exempt Project.

In accordance with Section 131E-184(g)(2), the Exempt Project will “not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or other new institutional health service facility other than that allowed in G.S. 131E- 176(16)b.” No new operating rooms will be developed and no major medical equipment will be acquired as a result of this Exempt Project. The capital cost for the project will exceed \$4 million.

Ms. Mitchell and Ms. McHale

May 14, 2024

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Finally, in accordance with Section 131E-184(g)(3), this correspondence serves as prior written notice to the Agency of NH Thomasville's planned Exempt Project.

Conclusion

It is our understanding and belief that all aspects of this project to develop a new Wellness Center on NH Thomasville's main campus are exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), and NH Thomasville requests written confirmation of such understanding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Andrea Gymer
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Andrea Gymer
Vice President, Strategic & Business Planning
Novant Health, Inc.



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Martha Waller

Administrative Specialist 1

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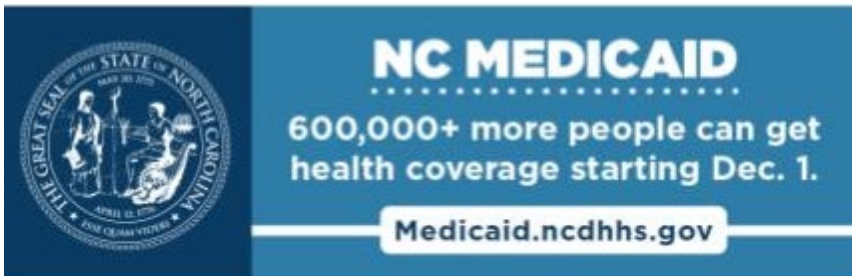
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Good afternoon,

Attached is an exemption letter regarding the renovation and unfit of a new Wellness & Education Center on the campus of Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center.

Please let me or Andrea Gymer know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards,

Lisa Griffin
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