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VIA EMAIL ONLY

December 11, 2025

Denise M. Gunter

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**No Review – Qualified Urban Ambulatory Surgical Facility**

**Record #:** 5018

Date of Request: November 24, 2025

Facility Name: Novant Health Midtown Outpatient Surgery

Facility Address: 1918 Randolph Road, Suite 740  
Charlotte NC 28207

Business Name: Novant Health, Inc.

Business #: 1341

Project Description: Develop a qualified urban ambulatory surgical facility

County: Mecklenburg

Dear Denise M. Gunter:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the development of a qualified urban ambulatory surgical facility. Pursuant to NCGS §131E-176(21a), a qualified urban ambulatory surgical facility is an ambulatory surgical facility that meets all of the following criteria:

- a. Is licensed by the Department to operate as an ambulatory surgical facility.
- b. Has a single specialty or multispecialty ambulatory surgical program.
- c. Is located in a county with a population greater than 125,000 according to the 2020 federal decennial census or any subsequent federal decennial census.

Based on the representation in your request and the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office. **As a reminder, it is unlawful to offer or develop a new institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need. The Department reserves the right to impose sanctions, including civil penalties and the revocation of a license, upon any entity that**

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**offers or develops a new institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need.**

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chalice L. Moore in cursive.

Chalice L Moore  
Project Analyst

Handwritten signature of Micheala Mitchell in cursive.

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

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

November 24, 2025

**Via E-mail**

Micheala Mitchell, Chief  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
1915 Health Services Way  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

RE: Notice of Qualified Urban Ambulatory Surgical Facility in Mecklenburg County (HSA III)

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(21a), I am writing to inform the Department of Novant Health, Inc.'s ("Novant Health") intention to establish a Qualified Urban Ambulatory Surgical Facility ("QUASF").

The facility is called Novant Health Midtown Outpatient Surgery ("NH Midtown"). The address is 1918 Randolph Road, Suite 740, Charlotte NC 28207. NH Midtown has four multispecialty operating rooms and two endoscopy procedure rooms. It is located in Mecklenburg County, which has a population greater than 125,000 according to the 2020 federal decennial census.<sup>1</sup> Presently, NH Midtown is licensed under Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center (license # H0010) as a hospital outpatient department ("HOPD"). As a QUASF, NH Midtown will become its own licensed ambulatory surgical facility. As a QUASF, NH Midtown will continue to function as a multispecialty ambulatory surgical facility.

Novant Health intends to meet the charity care requirements that are applicable to QUASFs pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-147.5(a) and (b).

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<sup>1</sup> The 2020 federal decennial census reports the population of Mecklenburg County as 1,115,482. See <https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?searchType=web&cssp=SERP&q=Mecklenburg%20County,%20North%20Carolina>.

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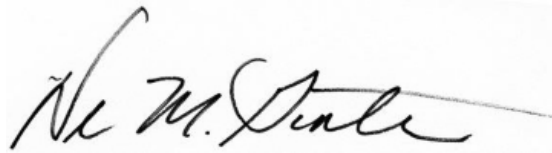
We would appreciate the Agency's prompt written confirmation that NH Midtown qualifies for QUASF status.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Gunter", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Denise M. Gunter

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Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well. Attached is a Qualified Urban Ambulatory Surgical Facility (“QUASF”) letter for Novant Health.

Could you please confirm that you’ve received this?

Thanks and best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.



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