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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 5001
Date of Request: November 13, 2025
Facility Name: Duke University Hospital
FID #: 943138
Business Name: Duke University Health System, Inc.
Business #: 640
Project Description: Temporary use of the angiography equipment to provide cardiac catheterization procedures
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cummer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced project is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed, without a certificate of need, to temporarily use angiography equipment (Lab 4) to provide cardiac catheterization procedures. This determination is based on your representation that when the cardiac catheterization equipment (Lab 2) is placed back into service, the angiography equipment (Lab 4) will no longer be used for cardiac catheterization procedures.

It should be noted that the Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Cynthia Bradford]

Cynthia Bradford
Project Analyst

[Handwritten signature of Micheala Mitchell]

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR
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Hi Tiffany,

Please log this in as replacement equipment exemption letter request and assign it to Cindy. Thanks.

Mike

**Michael McKillip**

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Cindy and Mike,

I wanted to let you know of an upcoming equipment plan at Duke University Hospital and confirm that it is exempt from CON review. I am hoping you can provide an expedited answer as there is an operational need to move forward quickly.

DUH currently provides defined cardiac cath procedures on equipment designated as Cath Lab 2 (room 7436). In order to pursue some renovation and construction work described further below, DUH would like to use existing equipment in Lab 4/Room 7607, which is currently only used for angiography and other non-cath procedures, for defined cardiac cath procedures beginning Monday, November 17, 2025. The existing equipment in Cath Lab 2 will be taken out of service while Lab 4 is in use for cath procedures. There is no capital cost associated with this project as the “new” cardiac cath equipment located in Lab 4 has previously been in use for other kinds of procedures.

I anticipate that we will also be filing a formal exemption notice for a longer term replacement of Cath Lab 2 which will require additional capital costs and construction. If we proceed with that replacement, Lab 4 would be returned to non-cath use upon project completion unless a different plan is approved by the CON Section in the interim. I will get that notice on file ASAP but was hoping to confirm that this temporary use of Lab 4 can be put into place while Cath Lab 2 is taken out of service and during our evaluation of the longer-term project and any renovation activities. At no time will DUH operate more than the currently approved number of cath labs without further CON approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you very much!

Yours,

Catharine

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