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VIA EMAIL ONLY

October 9, 2025

Robert A. Leandro
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No Review

Record #: See Attachment A
Date of Request: September 10, 2025
Facility Name: See Attachment A
FID #: See Attachment A
Project Description: Change in indirect ownership structure of parent company
County: See Attachment A

Dear Robert A. Leandro:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. 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 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,

Crystal Kearney (handwritten signature)

Crystal Kearney
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell (handwritten signature)

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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Attachment A

Name of Facility	Record#	County	FID#
Raleigh Endoscopy Center- North	4955	Wake	060527
Raleigh Endoscopy Center – Cary	4956	Wake	070496
Raleigh Endoscopy Center	4957	Wake	923422
Guilford Endoscopy Center	4958	Guilford	060856
Triangle Endoscopy Center	4959	Durham	061486
The Surgical Center of Morehead City	4960	Carteret	954590
Johnston Endoscopy Center	4961	Johnston	150206



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September 10, 2025

Via E-Mail [micheala.mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov]

Micheala Mitchell
Chief, Healthcare Planning
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North Carolina Department of Health
and Human Services

Re: Prior Notice of Exemption for Change of Indirect Ownership of Health Service Facilities

Ms. Mitchell:

I am writing on behalf of The Raleigh NC Endoscopy ASC, LLC (License Nos. AS0082, AS0102, and AS0056), The Greensboro NC Endoscopy ASC, LLC (License No. AS0113), Duke Triangle Endoscopy Center, LLC (License No. AS0085), Center of Morehead City, LLC (License No. AS0061), and Johnston Health Endoscopy Services, LLC (License No. AS0190) (collectively "Licensees") to provide the CON Section notice of a change in the indirect ownership of Licensees. The change will occur several ownership levels above each Licensee as a result of the intended acquisition of AmSurg's ultimate parent company by Project Bluegrass Holdco, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascension Health Alliance, a Missouri non-profit corporation ("Ascension").

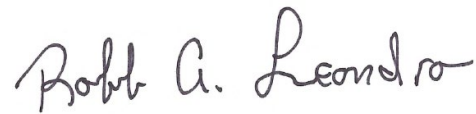
This transaction does not involve a change in the direct ownership of any Licensee nor will the change affect the ownership of the bricks and mortar of these facilities. The indirect change will occur six (6) or seven (7) corporate levels above each Licensee, as applicable, when Ascension acquires all of the ownership interest in Ambulatory TopCo, LLC, which is the current ultimate parent company of AmSurg, from its existing owners.

Although this type of transaction likely does not constitute the change of ownership of a health service facility contemplated in N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(8), we are providing this prior written notice in the abundance of caution and request confirmation from the CON Section that the indirect acquisition of the above listed ASCs as described herein is exempt from CON review.

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We thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robb A. Leandro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'L' at the end.

Robb Leandro

From: [Mitchell, Micheala L](#)
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Subject: FW: [External] No Review Request - AmSurg Indirect change of ownership
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 3:19:58 PM
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Tiffany would you mind logging and assigning this to Crystal when you return?

Thanks,

Micheala

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Micheala,

Please find attached a No Review request involving the indirect change of ownership of Amsurg's North Carolina ASCs. Have a great day!

Robb

Robert Leandro
Partner

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