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VIA EMAIL ONLY

October 28, 2025

Kim Meymandi

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Exempt from Review – Physician Office or Medical Office Building

Record #: 4970

Date of Request: October 15, 2025

Business Name: Columbus Regional Healthcare System

Business #: 519

Project Description: Develop a medical office building (MOB)

County: Columbus

Dear Ms. Meymandi:

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(a)(9). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this 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 the Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Bradford
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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Columbus Regional HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

October 15, 2025

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
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RE: Exemption Request for Physician Office Space in Delco, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Columbus Regional Healthcare System (CRHS) is pleased to be submitting a contemporaneous CON application to develop on existing, leased property a new hospital campus of Columbus Regional Healthcare System. The new campus will be located directly along the US 74 corridor, with an expected address of 26133 Andrew Jackson Highway E, Delco, North Carolina. The new hospital campus will be developed with the relocation of 30 acute care beds and one operating room from our existing main campus in Whiteville.

In addition to the new hospital campus, we are also planning to construct a multi-story physician office building on the same site. There will be no new institutional health services offered or developed in the new space without first obtaining the necessary certificate of need approval. The estimated cost of the proposed physician office building is greater than \$4,000,000.

Based upon the project as described above and pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(a)(9) this project is exempt from CON review. This letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We would appreciate your written concurrence that this project is exempt from CON review. If you have any questions or require further information regarding this project, please contact me at 910-642-8011.

Sincerely,



Jason Beck, MBA
President & CEO
Columbus Regional Healthcare System

absence. Will you let me know?

Micheala Mitchell, JD
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Good morning Micheala and Mike-

Hope all is well and you are getting settled in the new beautiful DHHS building. It's so pretty and clean.

Attached is an Exemption Request submitted on behalf of Columbus Regional Health Care System. If you would please confirm receipt.

Thanks, a bundle and Happy Application Day!

Kim

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