



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

JOSH STEIN • Governor

DEV DUTTA SANGVAI • Secretary

MARK PAYNE • Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

VIA EMAIL ONLY

October 30, 2025

Karen Hunt

karen@morningstarnc.com

Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility and Change in Licensee

Record #: 4985
Date of Request: October 15, 2025
Facility Name: Riverstone
Type of Facility: ACH
FID #: 920215
Acquisition by: J & S Care Inc.
Business #: 3044
County: Craven

Dear Karen Hunt:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that the project described above is exempt from certificate of need (CON) review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, the above referenced business may proceed to acquire the health service facility identified above without first obtaining a CON. The Agency's determination is limited to the question of whether the above referenced business would have to obtain a CON if the current owners of the health service facility do in fact sell it to the business listed above. Note that pursuant to G.S. 131E-181(b): "*A recipient of a certificate of need, or any person who may subsequently acquire, in any manner whatsoever permitted by law, the service for which that certificate of need was issued, is required to materially comply with the representations made in its application for that certificate of need.*"

If the business listed above does acquire the facility, you should contact the Agency's & (Section Name) Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility.

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 this Agency and a separate determination regarding whether a certificate of need would be required. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Chalice L. Moore
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

cc: Adult Care Licensure Section, DHSR

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603
MAILING ADDRESS: 809 Ruggles Drive, 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704
<https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/> • TEL: 919-855-3873

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

J & S Care Inc.
DBA: Morning Star Assisted Living
941 Goins Road
Pembroke, NC 28372
910-521-0040

October 15, 2025

Re: Change of Licensee
Current Facility License Number: HAL-025-026
County: Craven

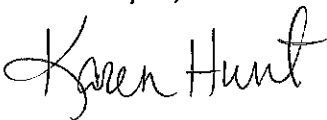
Attn: CON

To Whom It May Concern:

J & S Care Inc. is in the process of completing a Change of Licensee or the facility currently known as Riverstone Health Management, Inc. located at 104 Efirm Blvd., New Bern NC 28562. J & S Care Inc. is only taking over as Licensee and no changes to the physical plant or number of beds is being requested. This change will take place on November 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 910-474-3326.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hunt".

Karen Hunt
Owner/President

Riverstone Health Management, Inc.

October 15, 2025

To: DHSR, Adult Care Licensing Section

From: Tony Bigler

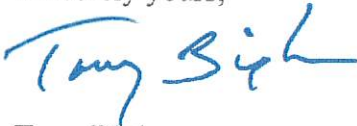
Re: Change of Ownership

Please except this letter as notification of a change in ownership as of November 1, 2025. Riverstone Health management, Inc. will be relinquishing ownership to Morningstar, Inc.

Enclosed you will find the Facility License Application including required documents for the license to be issued to Morningstar, Inc.

Please review and forward a new license immediately. Your prompt response to this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you may have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 910-308-7911.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Bigler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Bigler
Riverstone Health Management, Inc.

104 Efirm Blvd
New Bern, NC 28562

From: [Mckillip, Mike](#)
To: [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)
Cc: [Mitchell, Micheala L](#)
Subject: FW: [External] CON
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 3:10:02 PM
Attachments: [CON Letter.pdf](#)

Of course. Tiffany, this no review letter request can go to Chalice. Thanks.

Michael McKillip

Team Leader, Certificate of Need
Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need
[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Office: 919-855-3877 (I am in the office on Wednesday and Friday, and can best be reached by email on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.)
mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov

1915 Health Services Way, 2nd Floor
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

NCDHHS provides essential services to improve the health, safety and well-being of all North Carolinians. Learn more about [NCDHHS initiatives and priorities](#).



Learn more at [Medicaid.nc.gov](#).

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#) | [LinkedIn](#)

Email correspondence to and from this address is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized State official. Unauthorized disclosure of juvenile, health, legally privileged, or otherwise confidential information, including confidential information relating to an ongoing State procurement effort is prohibited by law. If you have received this e-mail in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete all records of this email.

From: Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 3:01 PM
To: Mckillip, Mike <mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov>
Cc: Stancil, Tiffany C <Tiffany.Stancil@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] CON

Hi Mike,

Another one for Tanya. Can you let Tiffany know who it goes to?

Thanks,

Micheala

Micheala Mitchell, JD
[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Division of Health Service Regulation](#)
Section Chief, Healthcare Planning and CON Section
809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704
Office: 919 855 3879
Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov

From: karen@morningstarnc.com <karen@morningstarnc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov>
Subject: [External] CON

You don't often get email from karen@morningstarnc.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless verified. Report suspicious emails with the Report Message button located on your Outlook menu bar on the Home tab.

Attached is the letter in regard to change of licensee.

Karen Hunt - President

J & S Care Inc.

DBA Morning Star Assisted Living

910-521-0040

910-521-3266 Fax

I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me. Philippians 4:13

Email correspondence to and from this address is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized State official. Unauthorized disclosure of juvenile, health, legally privileged, or otherwise confidential information, including confidential information relating to an ongoing State procurement effort, is prohibited by law. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete all records of this email.