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Division of Health Service Regulation

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**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

October 17, 2016

Elizabeth Kirkman  
2709 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 200  
Charlotte, NC 28217

**Conditional Approval**

Project ID #: F-11210-16  
Facility: Carolinas Medical Center  
Project Description: Acquire an intraoperative MRI scanner pursuant to Policy TE-2, which will be located in a renovated OR  
County: Mecklenburg  
FID #: 943070

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after a review of the applications submitted for this cycle and after consideration of the Certificate of Need Law, G.S. 131E-175 et. seq. and regulations promulgated there under, the State Medical Facilities Plan, and other applicable information. Attached to this letter are the required findings made with respect to your application. The applicant shall not proceed with the construction, offering or development of this project until the certificate of need is issued. Further, the Agency shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
2. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall acquire no more than one intraoperative magnetic resonance imaging scanner to be located in an existing operating room at Carolinas Medical Center.



**Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section**

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3. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall not acquire, as part of this project, any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditure in Section VIII of the application and which would otherwise require a certificate of need.
4. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall not use the intraoperative magnetic resonance imaging scanner for outpatients and shall not replace it with a conventional MRI scanner.
5. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall report intraoperative procedures and inpatient procedures performed on the intraoperative magnetic resonance imaging scanner separately on the hospital license renewal application.
6. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall develop and implement an Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Plan for the project that conforms to or exceeds energy efficiency and water conservation standards incorporated in the latest editions of the North Carolina State Building Codes. The plan must be consistent with the applicant's representations in the written statement as described in paragraph one of Policy GEN-4.
7. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinas Medical Center shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein in writing to the Certificate of Need Section in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

**Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the Agency no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the Agency making a determination not to issue a certificate of need for the project referenced above.**

The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of **\$13,146,665**. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by G.S. 131E-176(16)(e).

The applicant should be aware that according to the Certificate of Need law any affected person shall have thirty (30) days after the date of decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by the conditions of the decision you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B, Article 3, as amended. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. [Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).]

G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must

serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Lisa G. Corbett  
Department of Health and Human Services,  
Office of Legal Affairs,  
Adams Building – Room 154  
2001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending **November 16, 2016**. If a contested case request is received within the thirty (30) day period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved (10A NCAC 14C .0208).

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the Agency because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Approval of Final Drawings by the Construction Section, DHSR _____	February 28, 2017
25% Completion of Construction _____	May 28, 2017
50% Completion of Construction _____	July 6, 2017
75% Completion of Construction _____	October 28, 2017
Completion of Construction _____	December 1, 2017
Occupancy/Offering of Service/Operation of Equipment _____	January 1, 2018

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the Certificate of Need is issued. Please contact this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

Please refer to the Project ID # and Facility ID # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

Celia C. Inman  
Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman  
Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR  
Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of **conditional approval** on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a postage-paid, first class envelope addressed as follows:

Elizabeth Kirkman  
2709 Water Ridge Parkway, Suite 200  
Charlotte, NC 28217  
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This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Celia C. Inman  
Project Analyst, Certificate of Need