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No Review

Facility or Business: Wilkes Regional Dialysis Center
Project Description: Add home peritoneal dialysis training and support services
County: Wilkes
FID #: 956103

Dear Ms. Sheppard:

The Certificate of Need Section (CON Section) received your letter of August 19, 2014, regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the proposal described in your correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. However, please note that 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.

Moreover, you need to contact the Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections of the Division of Health Service Regulation to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the CON Section. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.



Certificate of Need Section

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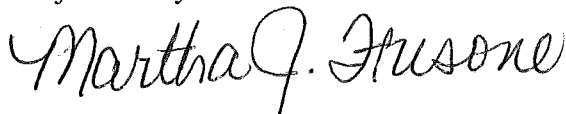
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Please contact the CON Section if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility I.D. # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,



Julie Halatek
Project Analyst



Martha J. Frisone, Interim Chief
Certificate of Need Section

cc: Medical Facilities Planning Branch, DHSR
Construction Section, DHSR
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR


Wilkes Regional
Medical Center

August 19, 2014

Ms. Martha Frisone, Interim Chief
Certificate of Need Section, DHSR
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Received by
the CON Section
AUG 25 2014

Re: Request for No Review Determination for the Addition of Home Peritoneal Dialysis Training and Support at Wilkes Regional Dialysis Center, FID# 944573

Dear Ms. Frisone:

Wilkes Regional Dialysis Center ("WRDC") is requesting a No Review Determination by the Certificate of Need Section to allow WRDC to provide home peritoneal dialysis training and support. Peritoneal dialysis is the most common method of home dialysis and provides patients with greater independence and flexibility.

WRDC currently provides only in-center dialysis services and is currently licensed for 19 dialysis stations; it has recently obtained CON approval to add additional two stations for a total of 22 stations. The most recent Semiannual Dialysis Report documents 92.11 percent occupancy of the existing 19 stations. The approved addition of two stations will provide added capacity for in-center dialysis patients.

The WRDC facility has existing space that can be used as a training room to provide peritoneal dialysis home training and support. The proposed addition of this service does not diminish the capacity of WRDC to provide in-center hemo-dialysis.

WRDC has patients who have expressed interest in starting the home peritoneal dialysis training. If possible, please expedite the review and approval of this request. If you have any questions please contact Tabitha Garza at 336-903-6809.

Sincerely,



Sandra Sheppard
VP Patient Services, CNO
Wilkes Regional Medical Center

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