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**Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility**

**Record #:** 1946  
**Facility Name:** Willow Ridge of NC  
**Type of Facility:** Nursing Home  
**FID #:** 923507  
**Acquisition by:** Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC  
**Business #:** 2400  
**County:** Rutherford

Dear Ms. Montgomery:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that based on your letter of May 12, 2016, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Agency's Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility. 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.*"

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.



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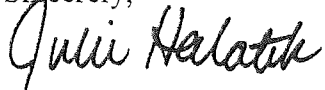
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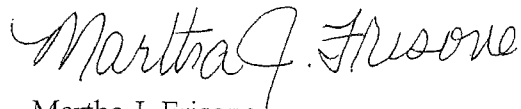
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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Project Analyst



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cc: Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
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*Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail*

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Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
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Re: *Willow Ridge of NC*

Dear Ms. Frisone:

We represent Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC which is acquiring certain assets and operational rights, including the Certificate of Need rights, of a skilled nursing facility known as Willow Ridge of NC located in Rutherfordton, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Willow Ridge of NC is a 150 bed facility. The bricks and mortar of the facility have been and will continue to be owned by LW, LLC. Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC will enter into a long term lease of the facility with LW, LLC.

Upon the closing of the transaction which is expected to be on or around June 1, 2016, Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC will become the licensee of the facility. Please confirm that the acquisition described above by Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC is exempt from Certificate of Need review under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Renee J. Montgomery

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cc: Jacob Stern  
Willow Ridge Healthcare LLC