

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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May 5, 2017

Tracey C. Cosby, VP Regulatory Support Services Consulate Health Care 115 Perimeter Center Place NE, Suite 600 Atlanta GA 30346

No Review

Record #:

2245

Facility Name:

Wellington Rehabilitation and Healthcare

FID #:

923537

**Business Name:** 

Wellington HealthCare, LLC

Business #:

2637

Project Description:

Convert semi-private rooms to private rooms with no change in the number

of licensed nursing care beds

County:

Wake

Dear Ms. Cosby:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your letter of April 20, 2017 regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request,** the proposal described above 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. Furthermore, this letter does <u>not</u> address whether or not the 20 adult care home beds would be available for acquisition by another entity.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Sections 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 in your correspondence. 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

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required would need to be made by this office. 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.

Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McKillip

Project Analyst

Martha J. Frisone

Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc:

Construction Section, DHSR

Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning, DHSR



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April 20, 2017

## **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Ms. Martha Frisone Assistant Section Chief NC Division of Health Service Regulation Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section 809 Ruggles Drive Raleigh, NC 27603



RE: Wellington Rehabilitation and Healthcare – Wake County Exemption from Review

Dear Ms. Frisone:

I am writing on behalf of Wellington HealthCare, LLC d/b/a Wellington Rehabilitation and Healthcare ("Wellington"), located at 1000 Tandal Place, Knightdale, NC 27545-8842 which is licensed for 80 skilled nursing ("SNF") beds and 20 adult care home ("ACH") beds. Wellington plans to convert its semi-private SNF rooms to private SNF rooms (the "Conversion"). Following this conversion, Wellington will continue to have 80 licensed SNF beds. The conversion will take place upon approval from DHSR.

In a separate transaction a third party will relocate Wellington's 20 ACH beds to a different facility in the same county, upon DHHS approval. This transfer will afford Wellington the space to convert its semi-private SNF beds to private SNF beds. While we understand that this party will need to submit a certificate of need ("CON") application for the transfer and relocation of the 20 ACH beds, we understand the Conversion itself does not require CON review. Because the conversion does not involve the development of a new institutional health service or an acquisition, and is expected to involve an expenditure of \$100,000, we understand it is not an activity requiring a CON or CON review. We also understand that the proposed Conversion described above does not require any additional filings with your office prior to these changes taking place, and that we may proceed with consummating the proposed changes upon approval from the Licensure and Certification Section.

We respectfully request a letter of exemption from North Carolina's Certificate of Need Section for the proposed change in licensed beds, detailed above.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (770) 730-1103 or tracey.c.cosby@consulatehc.com.

Sincerely,

Tracey C. Cosby

**VP Regulatory Support Services** 

cc:

Peggy Bulluck, NHA

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