

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

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April 10, 2018

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### **Exempt from Review**

Record #:

Facility Name:

**Duke Raleigh Hospital** 

FID #:

923421

Business Name:

Duke University Health System, Inc.

Business #:

640

Project Description: Replace the hospital's nurse call system

County:

Wake

#### Dear Ms. Cummer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of April 2, 2018, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(4). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care 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 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 Agency. 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.

#### HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

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

Sincerely,

Michael J. McKillip Project Analyst Martha J. Frisone

Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

cc:

Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR Amy Craddock, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning, DHSR



# Catharine W. Cummer Regulatory Counsel, Strategic Planning

April 2, 2018

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Martha Frisone Mr. Michael McKillip Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Re: Exemption Notice/Duke Raleigh Hospital

Dear Ms. Frisone:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of a project at Duke Raleigh Hospital and to request confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Duke anticipates that it will spend more than \$2 million to implement a replacement nurse call system used throughout the hospital. While we do not have specific evidence that the existing system was acquired pursuant to a certificate of need, we believe that at the time of acquisition of the various system components, they either did not require a certificate of need given the cost and/or were acquired and installed as part of larger projects for which certificates of need were obtained as appropriate.

Duke Raleigh Hospital is a licensed hospital and is therefore an existing licensed health service facility, and this project will be implemented in the main building from the hospital provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility.

We would appreciate your confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review. If you have questions about this information, please let me know.

Very truly yours, (blace W annuer

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