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November 21, 2019

Kristy Hubard  
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Wilmington, NC 28402

**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 3139  
**Facility Name:** New Hanover Regional Medical Center  
**FID #:** 943372  
**Business Name:** New Hanover Regional Medical Center  
**Business #:** 1308  
**Project Description:** Construct a 720-space parking deck and a 93-space surface parking lot connected to the main hospital via a skywalk  
**County:** New Hanover

Dear Ms. Hubard:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter dated November 6, 2019 and received on November 15, 2019, 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.

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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,

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Tanya M. Saporito  
Project Analyst

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Martha J. Frisone  
Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHR



November 6, 2019

Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
NC Department of Health and Human Services  
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RE: Request for Exemption to Certificate of Need Review for Parking Deck and Parking Lot  
Construction / New Hanover County

Dear Ms. Frisone,

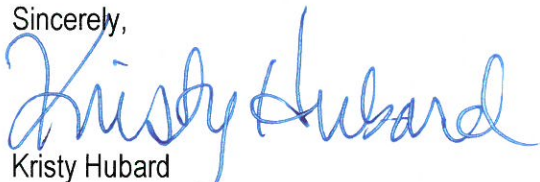
New Hanover Regional Medical Center is planning to construct a 720-space parking deck and 93-space surface parking lot to be located across 17<sup>th</sup> Street from the medical center in Wilmington, North Carolina. The parking deck will connect to the New Hanover Regional Medical Center campus via a skywalk that will only be accessible to New Hanover Regional Medical Center employees. The skywalk will be constructed to withstand hurricane-force winds. Total project costs are estimated at \$19.0 million.

Pursuant to NCGS § 131E-184(a)(4): The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review a new institutional health service if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing the new institutional health service, which notice includes an explanation of why the new institutional health service is required, for any of the following:

(4) To provide parking, heating or cooling systems, elevators, or other basic plant or mechanical improvements, unless these activities are integral portions of a project that involves the construction of a new health service facility or portion thereof and that is subject to certificate of need review.

Based on the project description and pursuant to NCGS § 131E-184(a)(4), the project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. This letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We would appreciate your written confirmation that this project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (910) 667-7000.

Sincerely,



Kristy Hubard  
Chief Strategy Officer  
New Hanover Regional Medical Center