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January 30, 2020

Catharine W. Cummer, Regulatory Counsel, Strategic Planning
Duke University Health System
3100 Tower Blvd, Suite 1300
Durham NC 27707

Exempt from Review

Record #: 3195
Facility Name: Duke University Hospital
FID #: 943138
Business Name: Duke University Health System, Inc.
Business #: 640
Project Description: Renovations to Duke North
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cummer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of January 23, 2020, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(g). 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 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.

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

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
& Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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January 23, 2020

Via Electronic Mail

Michael J. McKillip, Project Analyst
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Division of Health Service Regulation
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Re: Renovation Project at Duke University Hospital

Dear Mr. McKillip:

I am writing regarding the planned renovation project at Duke University Hospital. This project will include the following components within the Duke North portion of the hospital facility:

- Added wall protection
- Replaced flooring
- Bathroom renovations on each floor, including terrazzo floors, replaced fixtures, partitions, ceilings, lights, and replaced hot/cold water and sanitary risers
- Laminate wall coverings, metal column wraps, and replaced wayfinding

NCGS Section 131E-184(g) provides that “The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) threshold set forth in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.
- (2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.