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VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 26, 2021

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**Exempt from Review – Physician Office or Medical Office Building
Record #: 3537**

Date of Request: April 14, 2021
Business Name: UNC Physicians Network, LLC
Business #: 2731
Project Description: Upfit space within a physician office building
County: Lenoir

Dear Ms. Runyon:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the project described above is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(9). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the project described above without a 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 the Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski
Project Analyst

for
Lisa Pittman
Acting Chief, Certificate of Need

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RE: Notice of Exemption for Physician Office Building Upfit Costs

Dear Mr. Yakaboski:

I am writing on behalf of UNC Physicians Network (“UNCPN”), which is planning to incur costs in connection with the upfit of approximately 11,000 square feet of space within a physician office building. The building is located at 204 Airport Rd in Kinston, Lenoir County. UNCPN intends to lease physician office space within the building for the following clinics: UNC Surgical Specialists at Lenoir, UNC Vascular Specialist at Lenoir, and UNC Bariatric Surgery Services at Lenoir. None of the services provided in the leased space will be hospital-based services.

We are requesting confirmation that the expenditure of capital in excess of \$2 million for the upfit of leased physician office space is exempt from review pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(a)(9). In accordance with this statutory exemption, there will be no new institutional health service other than as defined in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176(16)b. offered or developed in this space without prior certificate of need approval. Please provide written confirmation that this proposal is exempt from CON review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 984-215-3622 if you need any additional information. Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Frock Runyon
System Director of Regulatory Affairs
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Martha.... Just received this Exemption Request.

Thanks,
Greg

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski

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Good afternoon Greg,

Please see attached for a CON exemption request for a physician-based renovation project in Kinston.

Thank you,

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