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VIA EMAIL ONLY

March 10, 2021

Andrea Gymer  
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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 3499  
**Date of Request:** March 3, 2021  
**Facility Name:** Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center  
**FID #:** 943501  
**Business Name:** Novant Health, Inc.  
**Business #:** 1341  
**Project Description:** Renovate 2nd and 7th floors of main hospital building, including moving 6 acute care beds to the PICU on the 2nd floor and developing unlicensed labor and delivery rooms on the 7th floor  
**County:** Mecklenburg

Dear Ms. Gymer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop, or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

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,

Julie M. Faenza  
Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman  
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
Lisa Griffin, Novant Health (lgriffin@novanthealth.org)

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## Faenza, Julie M

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**From:** Flores, Disraeliza  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 9:18 AM  
**To:** Faenza, Julie M  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center LDR & PICU Renovations Exemption

Yup, that was the only thing in the email.

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Thanks! Was this the only thing attached to the email? The letter references "supporting documentation" and I can't tell what it means. I'll contact them for more information if there wasn't anything else attached to the email, but I wanted to confirm that with you first. Thanks!

**Julie M. Faenza, Esq.**  
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For you...

*Martha Waller*

Administrative Specialist 1

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**From:** Griffin, Lisa L <[lgriffin@novanthealth.org](mailto:lgriffin@novanthealth.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 3, 2021 2:00 PM

**To:** Pittman, Lisa <[lisa.pittman@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:lisa.pittman@dhhs.nc.gov)>

**Cc:** Waller, Martha K <[martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Gymer, Andrea M <[amgymer@novanthealth.org](mailto:amgymer@novanthealth.org)>

**Subject:** [External] Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center LDR & PICU Renovations Exemption

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Good afternoon,

Attached is an exemption notice regarding renovations at NH Presbyterian Medical Center. Please let me or Andrea know if you have questions or need more information.

Thank you,

***Lisa Griffin***

Manager, Operational Planning

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## Faenza, Julie M

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**From:** Faenza, Julie M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Griffin, Lisa L; Gymer, Andrea M  
**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: question re: NHPMC exemption request

That's all! Thanks!

**Julie M. Faenza, Esq.**

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**From:** Griffin, Lisa L <[lgriffin@novanthealth.org](mailto:lgriffin@novanthealth.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:41 PM  
**To:** Faenza, Julie M <[Julie.Faenza@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Julie.Faenza@dhhs.nc.gov)>; Gymer, Andrea M <[amgymer@novanthealth.org](mailto:amgymer@novanthealth.org)>  
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Julie,

That was included as part of the statutory language inadvertently since there was no additional documentation or exhibits submitted with that exemption notice.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or need more information.

Regards,

*Lisa Griffin*

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**From:** Faenza, Julie M <[Julie.Faenza@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Julie.Faenza@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:37 PM  
**To:** Gymer, Andrea M <[amgymer@novanthealth.org](mailto:amgymer@novanthealth.org)>  
**Cc:** Griffin, Lisa L <[lgriffin@novanthealth.org](mailto:lgriffin@novanthealth.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: question re: NHPMC exemption request

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Hi Andrea! I just wanted to follow up on the email I sent last week. I had gotten an exemption request signed by you for NH Presbyterian, and just needed to clarify if there was additional information that hadn't been attached or if the language in the letter was mimicking statutory language. As soon as you let me know, I can work on getting this taken care of! Thanks!

**Julie M. Faenza, Esq.**

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**From:** Faenza, Julie M

**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 10:10 AM

**To:** Andrea Gymer <[amgymer@novanthealth.org](mailto:amgymer@novanthealth.org)>

**Subject:** question re: NHPMC exemption request

Good morning, Andrea! I had a quick question about your NHPMC exemption request. The request references "this correspondence and supporting documentation" but the letter was the only thing attached to the email. I just wanted to clarify whether there was additional information that you forgot to attach or whether that was just mimicking the language of the statute. Could you let me know? Thanks!

**Julie M. Faenza, Esq.**

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March 3, 2021

Ms. Lisa Pittman, Assistant, Chief  
Healthcare Planning & Certificate of Need Section  
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Re: Notice of Exempt Capital Expenditure Pursuant to NCGS § 131E-184(g) for Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center (NHPMC) Women's & Pediatrics Unit Renovations; FID # 943501 / Mecklenburg County

Dear Ms. Pittman:

This letter outlines Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center's (NHPMC's) project to renovate and update its existing women's services and pediatric units on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor and the 2<sup>th</sup> floor, respectively in the main building on the Charlotte campus. The project cost is estimated to exceed \$2 million and is exempt from Certificate of Need (CON) review by the CON Section for the reasons set forth in this letter. The estimated total capital costs for this project are approximately \$5,300,000.

This project is exempt from CON review and meets the criteria set forth in NCGS § 131E-184(g) as follows:

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;

*This project is to relocate 6 existing licensed beds in Women's Services on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor as licensed beds. This will expand the capacity of intermediate care for pediatric services. The vacated rooms on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor are to be renovated and converted to 4 unlicensed Labor & Delivery rooms.*

*The project takes place at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center, 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The location on Hawthorne Lane is the "main campus" for NHPMC as it is the site from which NHPMC "provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility." NHPMC and its campus has been located at this address since 1918.*

Ms. Lisa Pittman

March 3, 2021

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2. The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in GS 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in GS 131E-176(16)b.;

*The renovations of the 7<sup>th</sup> floor area and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PICU will not result in a change in bed capacity or in the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service facility. The space is to be renovated and updated in its current location in the main hospital.*


3. The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department along with supporting documentation to demonstrate it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection.

*This correspondence and supporting documentation serves as the required notice to the CON Section that the Women's and Pediatric Services renovation project meets the exemption criteria.*

In conclusion, based on the information described above, please confirm that NHPMC's project to renovate and update the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Women's Services and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor PICU fits within the exemption requirements at NCGS § 131E-184(g), therefore making it exempt from CON review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information related to this project. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Andrea Gymer

Vice President, Operational Planning and Innovation

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