

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation

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### **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

November 6, 2014

Barbara Wolfe 364 White Oak Street Asheboro, NC 27203

## **Conditional Approval**

Project I.D. #: G-10355-14 Facility: MRI of Asheboro

Project Description: Develop a diagnostic center which is a change of scope for Project ID #G-

8342-09 (acquire a 2<sup>nd</sup> MRI scanner)

County: Randolph FID #: 140366

Dear Ms. Wolfe:

The Certificate of Need (CON) Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after a review of the applications submitted for this cycle and after consideration of the Certificate of Need Law, G.S. 131E-175 et. seq. and regulations promulgated there under, the State Medical Facilities Plan, and other applicable information. Attached to this letter are the required findings made with respect to your application. The applicant shall not proceed with the construction, offering or development of this project until the certificate of need is issued. Further, the Department shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval that can be satisfied before issuance of the certificate of need have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall materially comply with the representations made in this certificate of need application, Project ID# G-10355-14, the certificate of need application Project ID# G-8342-09 as amended by this project and supplemental information provided during the expedited review of this application. In those instances in which representations conflict, MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall materially comply with the last made representation.



### **Certificate of Need Section**

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- 2. MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall acquire no more than one fixed MRI scanner.
- 3. MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall not acquire, as part of this project, any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditure in Section VIII of the application or that would otherwise require a certificate of need.
- 4. MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall obtain accreditation from the American College of Radiology or a comparable accreditation authority, as determined by the Certificate of Need Section, for magnetic resonance imaging within two years following operation of the proposed MRI scanner.
- 5. MRI of Asheboro, LLC d/b/a MRI of Asheboro shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Certificate of Need Section in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the CON Section no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the CON Section making a determination not to issue a certificate of need for the project referenced above.

The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of \$26,391. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by G.S. 131E-176(16)(e).

The applicant should be aware that according to the Certificate of Need Law any affected person shall have thirty (30) days after the date of decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by the conditions of the decision you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B, Article 3, as amended. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. [Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).]

G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Emery Milliken
Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Legal Affairs,
Adams Building – Room 154
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

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It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Certificate of Need Section.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending December 8, 2014. If a contested case request is received within the thirty (30) day period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved (10A NCAC 14C .0208).

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the CON Section because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Completion of Final Drawings	April 30, 2015
Contract Award	May 15, 2015
25% Completion of Construction	July 18, 2015
50% Completion of Construction	July 25, 2015
75% Completion of Construction	August 1, 2015
Completion of Construction	August 8, 2015
Occupancy/Offering of Service	October 1, 2015

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the Certificate of Need is issued. Please contact us if any clarification of this decision is required.

Please refer to the Project I.D. # and Facility I.D. # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

Celia C. Inman, Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman, Team Leader Certificate of Need Section

CCI:LP:mw

Attachment

cc: Medical Facilities Planning Branch, DHSR
Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR
Construction Section, DHSR

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of **conditional approval** on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a postage-paid, first class envelope addressed as follows:

Barbara Wolfe 364 White Oak Street Asheboro, NC 27203

Project I.D. # G-10355-14 FID #140366

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Celia C. Inman
Project Analyst