

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

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# **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

May 12<sup>,</sup> 2016

William F. McDonald 1804 King Road Tifton, GA 31793

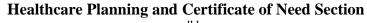
### **Conditional Approval**

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Project ID #:	G-11134-16
Facility:	Thomasville Dialysis Center
Project Description:	Add 4 dialysis stations and relocate four existing dialysis stations from
	High Point Kidney Center for a total of 32 stations upon project
	completion
County	Davidson
FID #	020758

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) 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 Agency shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

- 1. Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest University shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
- 2. Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest University shall add no more than four additional dialysis stations and relocate no more than





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four dialysis stations from High Point Kidney Center to Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest for a total of no more than 32 dialysis stations, which shall include any home hemodialysis training or isolation stations, upon project completion.

- 3. Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest University shall install plumbing and electrical wiring through the walls for no more than 32 stations, which shall include any home hemodialysis training or isolation stations, upon projection completion.
- 4. After certification of the four stations relocated to Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest University, Wake Forest University Health Sciences shall take the necessary steps to decertify four stations at High Point Kidney Center for a total of no more than 36 dialysis stations at High Point Kidney Center following completion of Project I.D. # G-10262-14 (relocate 10 stations to North Randolph Dialysis Center to develop a new facility), Project I.D. # G-11075-15 (add eight stations to High Point Kidney Center for a total of 40 stations upon project completion) and this project.
- 5. Wake Forest University Health Sciences and Thomasville Dialysis Center of Wake Forest University shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Agency in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

# Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the Agency no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the Agency 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 **\$862,000**. 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:

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> 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

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending **June 13, 2016**. 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 Agency because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

50% Completion of Construction	April 15, 2017
Completion of Construction	November 30, 2017
Occupancy/Offering of Service	December 31, 2017
Certification of Stations	December 31, 2017

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 this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

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

Sincerely,

Bernetta Thorne-Williams, Project Analyst

Fatimah Wilson, Team Leader Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR Construction Section, DHSR Kelli Fisk, Program Assistant, Healthcare Planning, 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:

William F. McDonald 1804 King Road Tifton, GA 31793

Project ID #G-11134-16

FID #020758

This the  $\underline{12^{th}}$  day of May, 2016

Bernetta Thorne-Williams, Project Analyst Certificate of Need