

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION

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> MARK PAYNE DIRECTOR

### **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

#### **CORRECTED**

March 29, 2017

Jim Swann 3390 Dunn Road Eastover, NC 28312

#### **Conditional Approval**

Project ID #: F-11266-16

Facility: Fresenius Kidney Care North Gaston

Project Description: Develop a new 12-station dialysis facility by relocating 12 dialysis stations

from FMC Gastonia and offer home training and support for home

hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients

County: Gaston FID #: 160496

Dear Mr. Swann:

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, N.C. Gen. Stat. §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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care North Gaston shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.

#### HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

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LOCATION: EDGERTON BUILDING • 809 RUGGLES DRIVE • RALEIGH, NC 27603 MAILING ADDRESS: 2704 MAIL SERVICE CENTER •RALEIGH, NC 27699-2704 AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

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- 2. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care North Gaston shall relocate no more than 12 dialysis stations from FMC Gastonia.
- 3. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care North Gaston shall install plumbing and electrical wiring through the walls for no more than 12 dialysis stations, which shall include any isolation or home hemodialysis stations.
- 4. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. shall take the necessary steps to decertify 12 dialysis stations at FMC Gastonia for a total of no more than 27 dialysis stations at FMC Gastonia upon completion of this project.
- 5. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care North Gaston 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 \$1,837,078. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by N.C. Gen. Stat. \$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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §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).]

N.C. Gen. Stat. §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:

Lisa G. Corbett

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 Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending **April 28, 2017.** 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:

Completion of Final Drawings and Specifications	December 31, 2017
25% Completion of Construction/Renovation	
(25% of the Dollar Value of the Contract in Place)	May 15, 2018
Completion of Construction/Renovation	November 11, 2018
Occupancy/Offering of Service	December 31, 2018
Certification of Stations	December 31, 2018

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,

Jane Rhoe-Jones Project Analyst Fatimah Wilson Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Construction Section, DHSR

Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, 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:

Jim Swann
3390 Dunn Road
Eastover, NC 28312
Project ID #: F-11266-16
FID #: 160496

This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

Jane Rhoe-Jones Project Analyst, Certificate of Need