



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

July 27, 2018

Hunter Diefes  
2334 South 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
Wilmington, NC 28403

**Conditional Approval**

Project ID #: R-11460-18  
Facility: Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County  
Project Description: Develop a new hospice home care office in Hyde County pursuant to Need Determination in 2018 SMFP  
County: Hyde  
FID #: 180103

Dear Mr. Diefes:

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. Written notice of all findings and conclusions upon which the decision was based will be provided to the applicants within five business days after the date of the decision in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-186. 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 that can be satisfied before issuance of the certificate of need have been met pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

- 1. Liberty Homecare VII, LLC d/b/a Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.**
- 2. Pursuant to the need determination identified in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan, Liberty Homecare VII, LLC d/b/a Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County shall develop no more than one hospice home care office in Hyde County.**

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HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
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3. **Upon completion of the project, Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County shall be licensed for no more than one hospice home care office in Hyde County.**
4. **No later than three months after the last day of each of the first three full years of operation following initiation of the services authorized by this certificate of need, Liberty Homecare VII, LLC d/b/a Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County shall submit, on the form provided by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, an annual report containing the:**
  - a. **Payor mix for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - b. **Utilization of the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - c. **Revenues and operating costs for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - d. **Average gross revenue per unit of service.**
  - e. **Average net revenue per unit of service.**
  - f. **Average operating cost per unit of service.**
5. **Liberty Homecare VII, LLC d/b/a Liberty Homecare & Hospice of Hyde County 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 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 **\$22,500**. 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, P.O. Drawer 27447, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7447 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 MSC  
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 **August 27, 2018**. 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:

1. Licensure Obtained \_\_\_\_\_ October 1, 2018
2. Services Offered \_\_\_\_\_ January 1, 2019
3. Medicare and/or Medicaid Certification Obtained \_\_\_\_\_ January 1, 2019
4. Final Annual Report Due \_\_\_\_\_ February 1, 2019

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 ID # and Facility ID # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman  
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR  
Construction Section, DHSR  
Melinda Boyette, Administrative 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:

Hunter Diefes  
2334 South 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
Wilmington, NC 28403

This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

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Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst, Certificate of Need