



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
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December 20, 2019

Hunter Trefzger  
PO Box 2568  
Hickory, NC 28603

**Disapproval**

Project ID #: C-11733-19  
Facility: The Gardens of Columbus  
Project Description: Develop a new 50-bed ACH facility pursuant to the need determination in the 2019 SMFP  
County: Polk  
FID #: 190318

Last Date to Appeal: January 21, 2020  
Required State Agency Findings: Enclosed

Dear Mr. Trefzger:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has disapproved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after review of the application or applications if the review was competitive, consideration of the Certificate of Need Law and regulations promulgated thereunder, the State Medical Facilities Plan, written comments if any, responses to comments if any, and other publicly applicable information.

The applicant or any person aggrieved by this decision may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B, Article 3. 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. Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to the 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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HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
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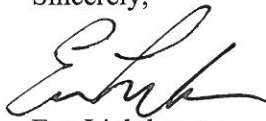
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It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-188(a1), as a condition precedent to proceeding with a contested case hearing on the approval of an applicant for a certificate of need, the petitioner shall deposit a bond with the clerk of superior court where the new institutional health service that is the subject of the petition is proposed to be located. The bond shall be secured by cash or its equivalent in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the cost of the proposed new institutional health service that is the subject to the petition, but may not be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and may not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). Moreover, the applicant who received approval for the new institutional health service that is the subject of the petition may bring an action against a bond filed under this subsection in the superior court of the county where the bond was filed. Upon finding the petition for a contested case was frivolous or filed to delay the applicant, the court may award the applicant part or all of the bond filed.

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

Sincerely,



Ena Lightbourne  
Project Analyst



Lisa Pittman  
Assistant Chief

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Enclosure: Required State Agency Findings

cc: Adult Care Licensure Section, DHSR