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## **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

September 15, 2023

NC DEPARTMENT OF

HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH AND

Fatimah Wilson 3943 New Bern Ave. Raleigh, NC 27610

### **Conditional Approval**

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Project ID #:	J-12386-23
Facility:	Carolina Dialysis-Carrboro
Project Description:	Relocate no more than 2 dialysis stations from Carolina Dialysis Siler City, no more than 2 dialysis stations from FMC Dialysis Center West Pettigrew, and no more than 1 dialysis station from Carolina Dialysis Pittsboro for a total of no more than 46 stations upon completion of this project, Project ID #J-12080-21 (relocate 2 stations), and Project ID #J-11995-20 (relocate 2 stations)
County:	Orange
FID #:	956088
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Approved Capital Expenditure:	\$1,850,400
Conditions of Approval:	See Attachment A
Approved Timetable:	See Attachment B
Last Date to Appeal:	October 16, 2023
Required State Agency Findings:	Enclosed

Dear Ms. Wilson:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. The conditional approval is valid only for the approved capital expenditure shown above. If the capital cost will exceed the approved capital expenditure amount by more than 115%, the applicant must first obtain a new certificate of need.

**Response to the conditions in Attachment A should be attached to an email addressed to the Project Analyst and the Co-signer no later than 35 days from the date of the decision**. The certificate of need will not be issued if the response to the conditions in Attachment A has not been received by the Agency.

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 approved timetable for this project is found in Attachment B.

The applicant shall not begin developing this project until after the certificate of need has been issued and the certificate of need will not be issued until the applicant has documented that all conditions that must be met prior to issuance of the certificate of need have been met.

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#### HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603 MAILING ADDRESS: 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704 https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ • TEL: 919-855-3873

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The Certificate of Need law provides that any affected person has thirty (30) days after the date of the decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by any of the conditions you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S.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).

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:

Julie Cronin 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 thirty-day appeal period which ends on the date shown above. If a contested case petition is filed with OAH within the thirty-day appeal period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved.

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,

Julie M. Jaenza

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Enclosures: Attachment A: Conditions of Approval Attachment B: Approved Timetable Required State Agency Findings

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR

## Attachment A Conditions of Approval

- 1. Carolina Dialysis, LLC (hereinafter certificate holder) shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
- 2. Pursuant to Policy ESRD-2 in the 2023 SMFP, the certificate holder shall relocate no more than two dialysis stations from Carolina Dialysis-Siler City, no more than two dialysis stations from FMC Dialysis Center West Pettigrew, and no more than one dialysis station from Carolina Dialysis-Pittsboro for a total of no more than 46 in-center dialysis stations at Carolina Dialysis-Carrboro upon completion of this project, Project ID #J-12080-21 (relocate 2 stations), and Project ID #J-11995-20 (relocate 2 stations).
- 3. Upon completion of this project, the certificate holder shall take the necessary steps to decertify two in-center and home hemodialysis stations at Carolina Dialysis-Siler City for a total of no more than 24 in-center and home hemodialysis stations at Carolina Dialysis-Siler City.
- 4. Upon completion of this project, Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc. shall take the necessary steps to decertify two in-center and home hemodialysis stations at FMC Dialysis Center West Pettigrew for a total of no more than 22 in-center and home hemodialysis stations at FMC Dialysis Center West Pettigrew.
- 5. Upon completion of this project, the certificate holder shall take the necessary steps to decertify one in-center and home hemodialysis station at Carolina Dialysis-Pittsboro for a total of no more than 12 in-center and home hemodialysis stations at Carolina Dialysis-Pittsboro.
- 6. Upon completion of the proposed project, Carolina Dialysis-Siler City shall have no more than 24 dialysis stations, FMC Dialysis Center West Pettigrew shall have no more than 22 dialysis stations, and Carolina Dialysis-Pittsboro shall have no more than 12 dialysis stations.
- 7. Progress Reports:
  - a. Pursuant to G.S. 131E-189(a), the certificate holder shall submit periodic reports on the progress being made to develop the project consistent with the timetable and representations made in the application on the Progress Report form provided by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section. The form is available online at: https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/progressreport.html.
  - b. The certificate holder shall complete all sections of the Progress Report form.
  - c. The certificate holder shall describe in detail all steps taken to develop the project since the last progress report and should include documentation to substantiate each step taken as available.

- d. The first progress report shall be due on April 1, 2024.
- 8. The certificate holder 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.

# Attachment B Approved Timetable

Milestone		Date
1	Financing Obtained	4/1/2024
2	Drawings Completed	7/30/2024
3	Construction / Renovation Contract(s) Executed	11/27/2024
4	25% of Construction / Renovation Completed (25% of the cost is in place)	2/25/2025
5	50% of Construction / Renovation Completed	5/26/2025
6	75% of Construction / Renovation Completed	8/24/2025
7	Construction / Renovation Completed	11/22/2025
8	Equipment Ordered	9/17/2025
9	Equipment Installed	11/16/2025
10	Equipment Operational	12/7/2025
11	Building / Space Occupied	12/7/2025
12	Services Offered (required)	12/31/2025
13	Medicare and / or Medicaid Certification Obtained	12/31/2025