

## State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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## UNC Hospitals proposes to add one linear accelerator

RALEIGH – University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill has filed an application with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Services Regulation to acquire a linear accelerator, used in the treatment of cancer patients.

A public hearing for this project will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18 in Room 201 of the Council Building, 701 Barbour Drive, on the campus of Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh.

The project is expected to cost nearly \$9,2 million and to be complete by Feb. 1, 2012. UNC Hospitals currently has four linear accelerators. On Aug. 13, 2010, UNC Hospitals was approved by the CON Section to acquire a fifth linear accelerator. That decision has been appealed to the Office of Administrative Hearings and a certificate of need has not yet been issued. If the new proposal is approved, UNC Hospitals would have a total of six linear accelerators.

The project is requested based upon a policy within the State Medical Facilities Plan which would allow the accelerator based in part on its value for teaching and/or research.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than Jan. 3 at the following address:

Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

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