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Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility
Facility: Anson Health and Rehabilitation
Acquisition by: Anson County Healthcare Properties, LLC
County: Anson
FID #: 140184

Dear Mr. Sprenger:

In response to your letter of June 6, 2014, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Anson County Healthcare Properties, LLC may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility. Note that pursuant to G.S. 131E-181(b): “A recipient of a certificate of need, or any person who may subsequently acquire, in any manner whatsoever permitted by law, the service for which that certificate of need was issued, is required to materially comply with the representations made in its application for that certificate of need.”

It should be noted that this Agency’s position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Frisone:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-184(a)(1) and (8) to provide notice to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Certificate of Need Section, I am writing regarding Anson County Healthcare Properties, LLC intent to purchase a facility in Wadesboro, NC. The facility is currently owned by Carolinas-Anson Healthcare Inc. Carolinas-Anson Healthcare Inc. is selling the facility to us effective July 1, 2014. The facility is licensed for 95 nursing facility beds. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-176(9b), the Facility is a “health service facility”.

Anson County Healthcare Properties, LLC is a North Carolina Limited Liability Company. Anson County Healthcare Properties, LLC intends to lease the Facility to Anson County Health and Rehabilitation, LLC also a North Carolina Limited Liability Company. Anson County Healthcare Properties anticipates an effective date of July 1, 2014.

N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-176(16)(l) provides that the purchase, lease, or acquisition of any health service facility, or portion thereof, which was developed pursuant to a certificate of need qualifies as a “new institutional health service”. N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-178(b) provides that “[n]o person shall make an acquisition by donation, lease, transfer or comparable arrangement without first obtaining a certificate of need from the Department, if the acquisition would have been a new institutional health service if it had been made by purchase”. N.C. Gen Stat. 131E-184(a)(1) and (8) provide that the acquisition of an existing health service facility, including equipment owned by the health service facility at the time of acquisition, is exempt from CON review upon prior written notice to the Agency of the proposed acquisition.

The acquisition of the Facility via the arrangement I have described herein will not involve the development of any new health service facility or otherwise qualify as a “new institutional health service” which would be subject to Agency review under applicable Certificate of Need statues or regulations. Rather, the transaction I have described herein qualifies as an “exempt transaction, within
the meaning of N.C. Gen Stat. 131E-184(a)(8). This correspondence is intended to serve as the prior written notice to the Agency required by N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-184(a)(1) and (8).

Please provide me with written confirmation that this transaction is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-184(a)(1) and (8). We would be very appreciative if this reply could be expedited since we will need to apply for a new license for the Facility and we anticipate including the Agency’s response to the correspondence as part of that application.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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