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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 1732  
**Facility Name:** Carolinas Medical Center  
**FID #:** 943070  
**Business Name:** Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority  
**Business #:** 462  
**Project Description:** Replace cooling, heating and mechanical equipment  
**County:** Mecklenburg

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of September 18, 2015, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(4). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.



**Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section**

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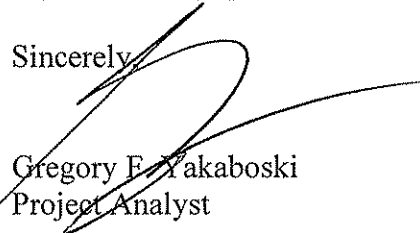
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Gregory F. Yakaboski  
Project Analyst



Martha J. Frisone, Assistant Chief  
Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
Healthcare Planning



Carolinus HealthCare System

September 18, 2015

Ms. Martha Frisone, Assistant Section Chief  
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RE: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinus Medical Center – FID #943070  
Exemption Notice for Replacement of Mechanical Equipment and Air Handling Equipment

Dear Ms. Frisone:

This letter serves as notification of The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority d/b/a Carolinus Medical Center's ("CMC") intent to replace mechanical equipment located in its H-wing. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131E-184(a)(4), this project is exempt from certificate of need review. The H-wing, which was constructed in 1985, contains six operating rooms and their associated support spaces. Mechanical equipment for the H-wing is located on the eighth floor. All of the mechanical equipment located in the eighth floor mechanical room is nearing the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. This equipment consists of the following:

1. Eleven air handling units,
2. Two chillers,
3. Two cooling towers,
4. Hydronic pumps,
5. One liquid desiccant unit, and
6. Steam and steam condensate systems.

The new mechanical equipment will be installed and operational prior to removing the existing units.

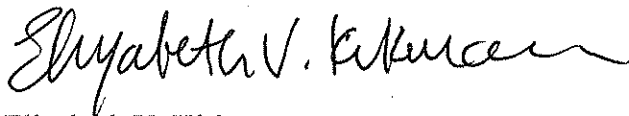
Additionally, CMC intends to replace two air handling units which are nearing the end of their useful lives and in need of replacement. Each of the air handling units currently serve eight operating rooms (sixteen in total). The replacement will include the use of temporary air handling units and a temporary electrical generator. The construction is planned to be completed in multiple phases in order to keep operating room downtime to a minimum. These air handling units are located in the basement of the main campus. The replacement equipment will be shipped to CMC in multiple pieces and then be constructed on-site in the mechanical room.

The estimated total capital cost for this project is approximately \$6,000,000.

Based upon the project as described above and pursuant to N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(4), this letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We would appreciate your written concurrence that this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding this project, please contact me at 704-446-8475.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth V. Kirkman".

Elizabeth V. Kirkman  
Assistant Vice President,  
CHS Management Company

cc: F. Del Murphy, Jr., CHS Management Company  
W. Spencer Lilly, President, Carolinas Medical Center

## Yakaboski, Greg

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**From:** Kirkman, Elizabeth <Elizabeth.Kirkman@carolinashealthcare.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** Yakaboski, Greg  
**Subject:** Vmail

Greg,  
Sorry I was on a conference call when you called back. The facility is Carolinas Medical Center FID# 943070 and H0071.  
Let me know if you need anything else.  
Thanks  
Elizabeth

Elizabeth V. Kirkman  
Assistant Vice President

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