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**Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility**

**Record #:** 2523  
**Facility Name:** Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center  
**Type of Facility:** Nursing Home  
**FID #:** 070685  
**Acquisition by:** Ridgewood Propco  
**Business #:** 2800  
**County:** Beaufort

Dear Mr. Leandro:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that based on your letter of February 12, 2018, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Ridgewood Propco may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Agency's Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section 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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Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst

Handwritten signature of Martha J. Frisone in black ink.

Martha J. Frisone,  
Chief, Healthcare Planning and  
Certificate of Need

cc: Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
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February 12, 2018

***Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail***

Ms. Martha Frisone  
Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699



**Re: Amended Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center Exemption Request**

Dear Ms. Frisone:

We represent Ridgewood Healthcare, LLC (“Ridgewood”) and Ridgewood Propco, LLC, which are related entities. In 2016, Ridgewood acquired certain assets and operational rights of a skilled nursing facility known as Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center (“Ridgewood Living”). Ridgewood Living is a 150 bed facility located in Washington, Beaufort County, North Carolina.

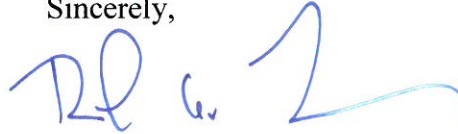
In May of 2016, Ridgewood sought and received a No Review Determination from your Agency. *See* Attachment A. As stated in our May 12, 2016 letter, the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living are owned by RNH Health, LLC. Ridgewood is currently the licensee and leasee of the facility.

On February 5, 2018, Ridgewood provided notice to the Agency that it would be acquiring the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living and requested that the Agency confirm that the proposed transaction is exempt from CON review. *See* Attachment B. Ridgewood would like to amend its request to reflect that the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living will be acquired by Ridgewood Propco. Upon closing of the transaction, which is expected to take place in the coming months, Ridgewood will continue to be the licensee and Ridgewood Propco will become the owner of the bricks and mortar of the facility. Please confirm that the acquisition described above is exempt from Certificate of Need review under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

Martha Frisone  
February 12, 2018  
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Robert A. Leandro

RAL:clr

cc: Jacob Stern  
Ridgewood Healthcare

**ATTACHMENT A**



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May 12, 2016

*Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail*

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Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need  
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Division of Health Service Regulation  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
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Re: *Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center* FID # 070685

Dear Ms. Frisone:

We represent Ridgewood Healthcare LLC which is acquiring certain assets and operational rights, including the Certificate of Need rights, of a skilled nursing facility known as Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center located in Washington, Beaufort County, North Carolina. Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center is a 150 bed facility. The bricks and mortar of the facility have been and will continue to be owned by RNH Health, LLC. Ridgewood Healthcare LLC will enter into a long term lease of the facility with RNH Health, LLC.

Upon the closing of the transaction which is expected to be on or around June 1, 2016, Ridgewood Healthcare LLC will become the licensee of the facility. Please confirm that the acquisition described above by Ridgewood Healthcare LLC is exempt from Certificate of Need review under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Renee J. Montgomery

RJM:klb

cc: Jacob Stern  
Ridgewood Healthcare LLC



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation

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May 16, 2016

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**Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility**

**Record #:** 1940  
**Facility Name:** Ridgewood Living & Rehabilitation Center  
**Type of Facility:** Nursing Home  
**FID #:** 070685  
**Acquisition by:** Ridgewood Healthcare, LLC  
**Business #:** 2393  
**County:** Beaufort

Dear Ms. Montgomery:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that based on your letter of May 13, 2016, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Ridgewood Healthcare, LLC may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Agency's Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section 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."*

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**ATTACHMENT B**





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February 5, 2018

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In May of 2016, Ridgewood sought and received a No Review Determination from your Agency. See Attachment A. As indicated in our May 12, 2016 letter, the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living are owned by RNH Health, LLC. Ridgewood is in the process of exercising its option to purchase the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living from RNH Health, LLC. Upon closing of the transaction, this is expected to take place in the coming months. Ridgewood will be both the licensee and the owner of the bricks and mortar of Ridgewood Living. Please confirm that the acquisition described above is exempt from Certificate of Need review under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Leandro

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cc: Jacob Stern  
Ridgewood Healthcare LLC