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February 12, 2019

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**No Review**

**Record #:** 2867  
**Facility Name:** Rex Healthcare at Panther Creek  
**FID #:** 080825  
**Business Name:** Rex Hospital, Inc.  
**Business #:** 1554  
**Project Description:** Develop urgent care services at a physician office building in Cary  
**County:** Wake

Dear Mr. Qualls:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the proposal described in that correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

You may 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.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McKillip  
Project Analyst

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

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
Melinda Boyette, Administrative Assistant, Healthcare Planning, DHSR

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Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
N.C. Department of Health and Human Services  
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Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Rex Hospital, Inc.'s No Review Request Regarding Urgent Care Clinic at Rex Panther Creek, Wake County

Dear Ms. Frisone:

On behalf of our client, Rex Hospital, Inc. d/b/a UNC REX (“Rex”), we are providing written notice of Rex’s intent to develop an urgent care clinic at an exempt physician office building being developed at the corner of McCrimmon Parkway and N.C. Highway 55 in Cary, Wake County (“Urgent Care Project” or “Urgent Care Component”). Rex requests a determination that the proposed development of this Urgent Care Project by itself -- and separate from the Panther Creek CON Project -- is not subject to review under North Carolina’s Certificate of Need (“CON”) laws because the Urgent Care Project does not constitute the development of a “new institutional health service” under as defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-176(16)(a)-(v).

**Background**

The Urgent Care Project was originally part of a larger proposed project to develop a diagnostic center and urgent care clinic with laboratory services pursuant to CON Project ID #J-8263-08 (“Panther Creek Project”). A CON was awarded to Rex to develop the Panther Creek Project by virtue of a settlement agreement between Rex and the Agency, dated July 20, 2010. See Exhibit 1, CON for Panther Creek Project.

As discussed in the Material Compliance Request submitted to the Agency concurrently with this No Review Request by Rex, Wake Radiology Services, LLC (“WRS”), and their Joint Venture entity WR Imaging, LLC (“WR Imaging”), the CON-regulated components of the Panther Creek Project are now proposed to be developed through the WR Imaging Joint Venture pursuant to an updated proposal.

However, Rex and WRS will not be developing the Urgent Care Project as part of Rex’s Joint Venture with WRS. Instead, Rex will continue to develop the Urgent Care Project

independently from Rex’s Joint Venture with WRS. Rex will develop the Urgent Care Project at the same location as originally proposed, as a freestanding urgent care physician practice, although the layout and floorplan of the urgent care center have changed from the initial proposal. See Exhibit 2 (Original Floor Plan) and Exhibit 3 (Revised Floor Plan). As discussed below, now that the Urgent Care Project is being developed separately from the Panther Creek Project (which is subject to CON), no part of the Urgent Care Project is subject to CON review.

**Analysis**

None of the services offered in the Urgent Care Project are “new institutional health services” as that term is defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16). The term “new institutional health service” is defined in numerous ways in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16). Among these definitions is N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(b), which defines a “new institutional health service” to include:

. . . [T]he obligation by any person of a capital expenditure exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to develop or expand a health service or a health service facility, or which relates to the provision of a health service . . . .

See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(b).

The total capital expense allocated to develop this project is estimated to be \$720,158.77, as shown in the table below. This is well below the \$2,000,000 capital cost threshold contained at N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(b) for the development or expansion of new health services not otherwise subject to CON review.

In addition, the cost of all equipment (including furniture and fixtures) to be acquired for the Urgent Care Project is estimated as \$438,215.00, below the \$750,000 threshold contained at N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-176(14o), and thus no major medical equipment will be acquired in the development of this project. In addition, none of the equipment in the Urgent Care Project is *per se* reviewable equipment pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-176(16)(f1).

<b>Urgent Care Project Capital Costs</b>	
Total Construction and Design Costs	\$281,943.77
Equipment, Furniture, and Fixture Costs	\$438,215.00
<b>Total Capital Costs</b>	<b>\$720,158.77</b>

Because no beds are involved, development of the Urgent Care Project does not constitute a “change in bed capacity” under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(c). Because no operating rooms are involved, development of the Urgent Care Project does not implicate N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(u). Nor does the Urgent Care Project constitute a “new institutional health service” under any other CON trigger in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16).

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Accordingly, the development of the Urgent Care Project does not require Rex to obtain a CON pursuant to any provision of the CON statute.

**Conclusion**

The updated development plan will separate the Urgent Care Project from the CON-approved Panther Creek Project, and will render the Urgent Care Project non-reviewable. We ask the Agency to verify that the Urgent Care Project described above is not subject to review under the North Carolina CON law, and that Rex does not need a CON to develop this project.

Thank you for your assistance in regard to this matter. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Sincerely,



Gary S. Qualls

Martha J. Frisone, Chief

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**Exhibits**

1. CON for Original Panther Creek Project
2. Original Proposed Floorplan
3. Revised Floorplan





# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

*Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation*

## **CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

for

**Project Identification Number #J-8263-08**

**FID #080825**

**ISSUED TO: Rex Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Rex Healthcare of Panther Creek  
4420 Lake Boone Trail Road  
Raleigh NC 27607**

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-175, et. seq., the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services hereby authorizes the person or persons named above (the "certificate holder") to develop the certificate of need project identified above. The certificate holder shall develop the project in a manner consistent with the representations in the project application and with the conditions contained herein and shall make good faith efforts to meet the timetable contained herein. The certificate holder shall not exceed the maximum capital expenditure amount specified herein during the development of this project, except as provided by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)e. The certificate holder shall not transfer or assign this certificate to any other person except as provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-189(c). This certificate is valid only for the scope, physical location, and person(s) described herein. The Department may withdraw this certificate pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-189 for any of the reasons provided in that law.

**SCOPE: Rex Hospital, Inc. shall develop Rex Healthcare of Panther Creek, a hospital-based outpatient care center including urgent care and diagnostic services in the Panther Creek area of Cary/ Wake County**

**CONDITIONS: See Reverse Side**

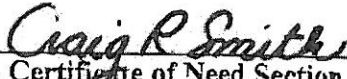
**PHYSICAL LOCATION: Rex Healthcare of Panther Creek  
McCrimmon Parkway  
Cary, NC 27519**

**MAXIMUM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: \$7,294,590**

**TIMETABLE: See Reverse Side**

**FIRST PROGRESS REPORT DUE: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**

This certificate is effective as of the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010

  
Chief, Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation

**CONDITIONS:**

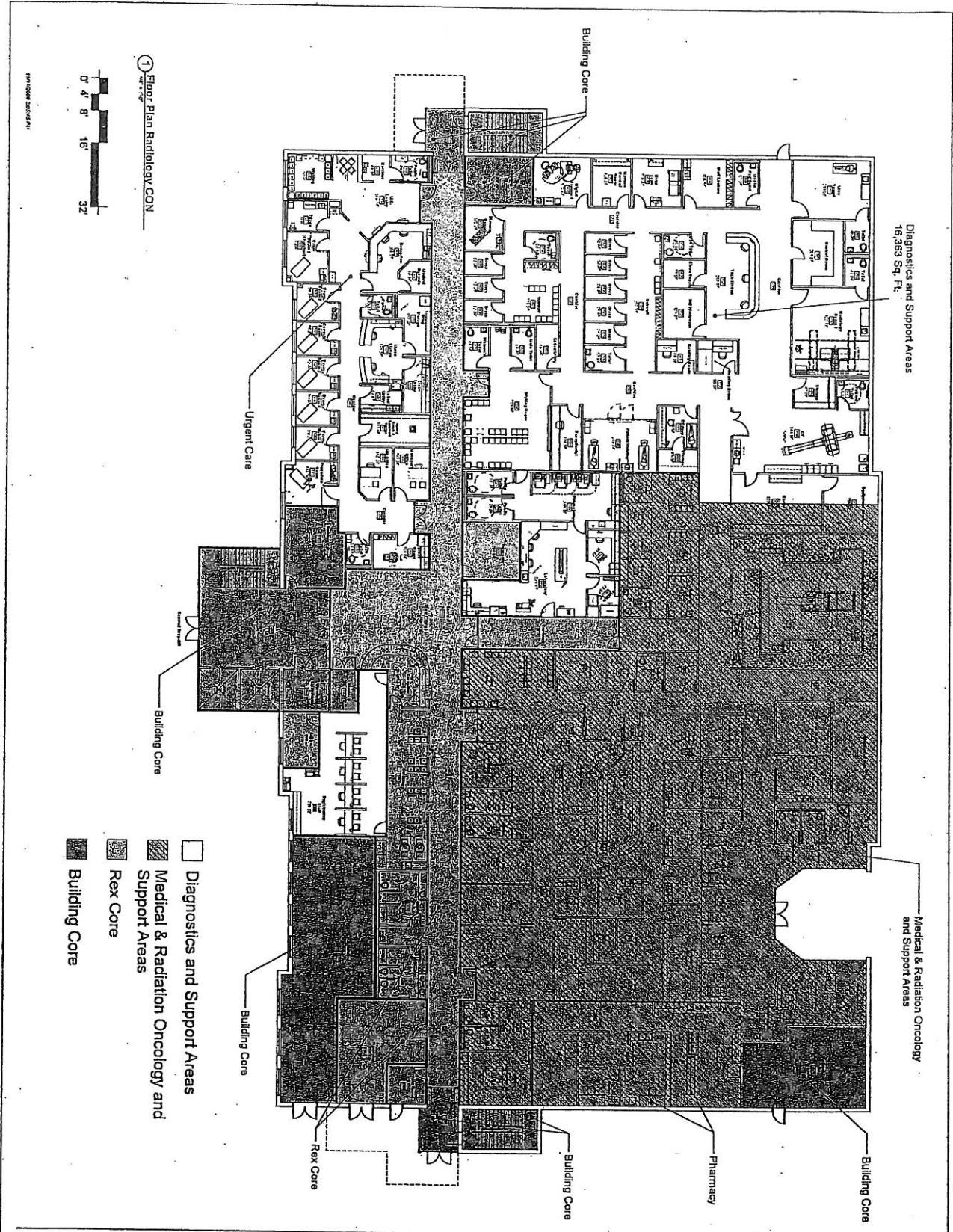
1. Rex Hospital, Inc. shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application, identified as Project I.D. No. J-8263-08, and in the supplemental information provided to the Agency on April 16, 2010 and May 4, 2010. In those instances in which any of these representations conflict, Rex Hospital, Inc. shall materially comply with the last-made representations.
2. Rex Hospital, Inc. shall, as part of this project, develop and operate no more than one hospital based outpatient care center to be located at the site on the southwest corner of McCrimmon Parkway and Highway 55 in Cary, Wake County, as described in the application.
3. Rex Hospital, Inc. shall not acquire, as part of this project or within one year after completion of this project, any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditure in Section VIII of the application or that would otherwise require a certificate of need.
4. Rex Hospital, Inc. shall relocate and replace one existing CT scanner from Rex Healthcare of Cary to the Rex Healthcare of Panther Creek, removing from service one existing 4-slice CT scanner.
5. Rex Hospital, Inc. shall not relocate, as part of this project, from its other sites, any existing equipment, which costs \$10,000 or more, within one year after completion of this project.

**TIMETABLE:**

Contract Award	March 1, 2013
50% Completion of Construction	November 1, 2013
Ordering Equipment	January 1, 2014
Completion of Construction	May 1, 2014
Offering of Services	July 1, 2014







1 Floor Plan Radiology CON

- Diagnostics and Support Areas
- Medical & Radiation Oncology and Support Areas
- Rex Core
- Building Core

DATE: 11/20/01  
 DRAWN BY: LJA  
 CHECKED BY: LJA  
 SHEET NUMBER: A-2

Panther Creek MOB  
**Rex Hospital**  
 Raleigh, North Carolina

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LEVEL 01

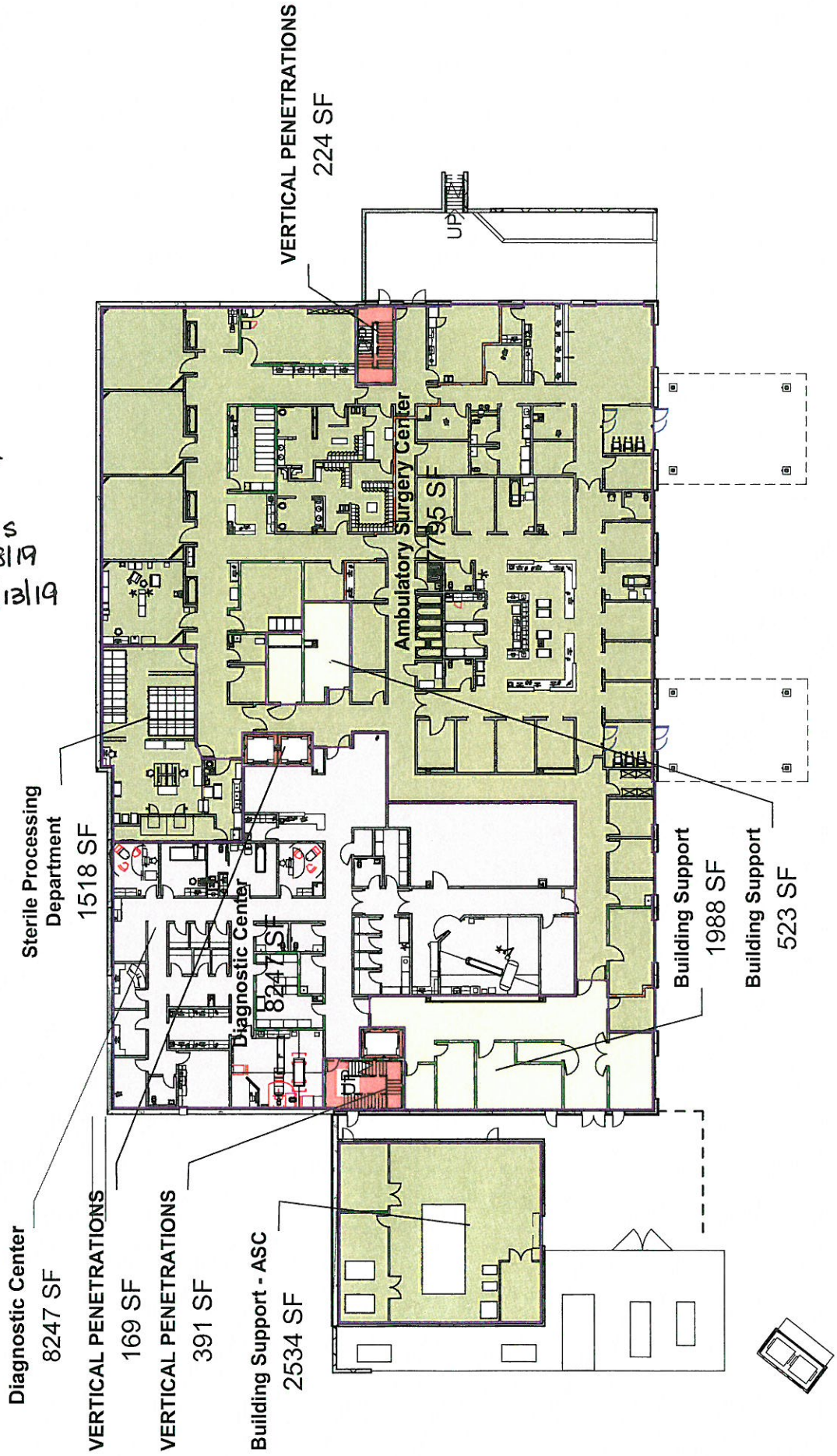
OVERALL MOB: 30,855 SF

MEP OUTBUILDING: 2,534 SF

LEVEL 01, SUB-TOTAL: 33,389 SF

□ : Diagnostic Center

ASC was  
proposed in  
Project ID #  
J-11554-18  
That project was  
denied on 11/28/19  
MF 2/13/19





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LEVEL 02

OVERALL MOB: 31,218 SF

□ : Laboratory

■ : Urgent Care

