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February 14, 2020

Chad Eichel, Director of Operations Pinehurst Medical Clinic, Inc. 205 Page Road Pinehurst NC 28374

## **Exempt from Review**

Record #:

3218

Facility Name:

Mid-Carolina Endoscopy Center

FID #:

070157

Business Name:

Pinehurst Medical Clinic, Inc.

Business #:

1423

Project Description:

Construct a replacement facility for an ambulatory surgical facility with

two gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy rooms on the same site with no

change in the number of GI endoscopy rooms

County:

Lee

Dear Mr. Eichel:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your correspondence of February 13 and 14, 2020, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(g). 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.

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

Sincerely,

Michael J. McKillin Project Analyst Martha J. Frisone

Chief

cc:

Construction Section, DHSR

Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR



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February 13, 2020

Ms. Martha J. Frisone Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

RE: Request for Exemption from Review to Replace Existing Endoscopy Facility at a Contiguous Location Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g)

Facility Name: Mid-Carolina Endoscopy Center

Facilty ID: 070157 License Number: AS0094

County: Lee

Dear Ms. Frisone:

Please accept this letter as notification of Pinehurst Medical Clinic's intent to replace Mid-Carolina Endoscopy Center, an existing Endoscopy facility licensed for two (2) procedure rooms. Pinehurst Medical Clinic intends to construct a single-story replacement endoscopy center on adjacent, contiguous property approximately 30 yards from the existing facility. The proposed site plan, attached as <a href="Exhibit 1">Exhibit 1</a>, shows the location of the proposed replacement facility as well as the existing facility (noted as "Existing Facility". A survey is also attached as <a href="Exhibit 2">Exhibit 2</a> indicating the current area and proposed building. As indicated on the site plan, the proposed site plan is adjacent and contiguous to the existing facility and property. The total capital cost of the proposed project is \$4,275,000.

The total capital budget is inclusive of Site Development, Building Construction, Landscaping, and Architect and Engineering fees, and Civil Engineering fees.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), the CON law provides that an applicant's proposal to replace an existing health service facility on the same site that exceeds the \$2,000,000 threshold set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), is nonetheless exempt from review if all of the following conditions are met

(1) The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.



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- (2) The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. G.S. 131E-184 Page 3
- (3) The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection

The above referenced facility project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above. The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$2,000,000. The sole purpose of the project is to replace an existing health service facility at the same location (110 Dennis Dr. Sanford, NC) at our main (and only) endoscopy campus in Sanford, NC.

The proposed replacement will not result in a change in total licensed room capacity or the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service.

Based upon the above facts, the proposed project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. We are requesting that you confirm in writing that the proposed replacement project outlined herein is exempt from Certificate of Need review and that Mid-Carolina Endoscopy Center may proceed as planned with this project.

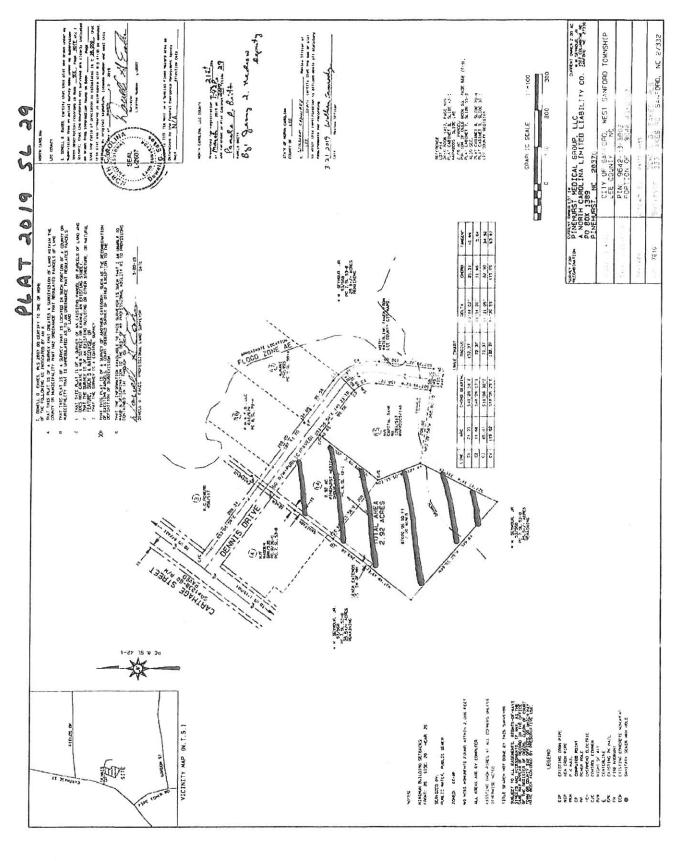
Sincerely,

**Chad Eichel** 

**Director of Operations** 

Pinehurst Medical Clinic, Inc.

# Exhibit 2



### Mckillip, Mike

From:

Chad Eichel < CEichel@pinehurstmedical.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 14, 2020 9:16 AM

To:

Mckillip, Mike Wilson, Fatimah

Cc: Subject:

RE: [External] CON Exemption Form

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Hi Mike,

Please see my responses below:

- a. Administrative and financial control is exercised at the licensed health service facility (the location referenced). A member of administration is on site with administrative and financial authority over the entire facility. Operational and financial policies are executed at this site with the administrator having discretion and exercises administrative control over the building and grounds adjacent to the building.
- b. There are no other structures other than the existing facility and the proposed building. The new building structure will be on land that is both contiguous and within 250 yards of the current building.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Kind regards,

Chad

From: Mckillip, Mike <mike.mckillip@dhhs.nc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:54 PM

**To:** Chad Eichel < CEichel@pinehurstmedical.com > **Cc:** Wilson, Fatimah < fatimah.wilson@dhhs.nc.gov >

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Hi Chad,

Can you provide documentation that this is the site of the main building from which financial and administrative control are exercised, as required below?

(14n) Main campus. – All of the following for the purposes of G.S. 131E-184(f) and (g) only:

- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.
- b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building.

### Mike

### Michael McKillip

**Project Analyst** 

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Hi Mike,

Please find attached the CON Exemption request form and two (2) exhibits. Please let me know if you have any questions, or need anything further.

Kind Regards,

Chad Eichel
Director of Operations



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