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Exempt from Review

Record #: 3883
Date of Request: April 19, 2022
Facility Name: FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital
FID #: 943358
Business Name: FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc.
Business #: 737
Project Description: Renovate and upgrade OR 17 and OR 18 in the Reid Heart Center
County: Moore

Dear Ms. Gunter:

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

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.

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

Sincerely,

Tanya M. Saporito
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR
April 19, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Micheala Mitchell, Chief
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Division of Health Service Regulation
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need
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Re:  FirstHealth of the Carolinas d/b/a FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital
FID# 943358
License # H0100
Moore County
Health Service Area V

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

On behalf of FirstHealth of the Carolinas d/b/a FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital (“FirstHealth Moore”) in Pinehurst, North Carolina, I am writing to request a certificate of need exemption pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), the Main Campus Exemption. Specifically, FirstHealth Moore proposes to renovate two of its hybrid ORs (ORs 17 and 18) in the Reid Heart Center at a capital expenditure greater than $2 million (the “Project”). The Reid Heart Center is a five-story building on the main campus of FirstHealth Moore, and it is contiguous to the main hospital. Attached as Exhibit A is a campus map showing the Reid Heart Center’s proximity to the hospital.

A hybrid OR is an advanced procedural space that combines a traditional operating room with an image guided interventional suite. This combination allows for highly complex, advanced surgical procedures such as transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedures. Hybrid ORs allow cardiologists and heart surgeons to work together at the same time.

The Project entails the following:
OR 17: remove existing equipment, upgrade general finishes of the room to include new electrical, flooring, rail adjustments, painting, HVAC, and lights. A new Philips Azurion 7 C20 Catalyst (C-arm) that is ceiling hung will also be installed. This equipment costs less than $2 million, and therefore does not meet the definition of major medical equipment under the CON Law. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14o).

OR 18: remove existing equipment, upgrade general finishes of the room to include electrical, flooring, rail adjustments, ceiling removal, additional Unistrut, reconfiguring laminar flow panels, painting, HVAC, and lights. New equipment will also be installed. The equipment consists of the following:

- Philips Azurion 7 C20 Flexarm (image guided therapy system)
- Stryker Light booms (2)
- Stryker shield boom
- Stryker monitor boom

No single item of equipment or system of components exceeds $2 million. Therefore, the project does not involve major medical equipment pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14o).

This letter demonstrates that the Project qualifies for the Main Campus Exemption because:

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; and

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 by G.S. 131E-176(16)(b).

As shown in Exhibit A, the Reid Heart Center is located on the main campus of FirstHealth Moore. It is contiguous to the main building from which FirstHealth provides clinical patient services and exercises administrative and financial control over the entire facility. See N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E1-96(14n). There will be no increase in bed capacity as defined in G.S. § 131E-176(5) or the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed by G.S. § 131E-176(16)(b).

Accordingly, FirstHealth Moore respectfully requests that the Agency issue its written determination that the Project described in this letter is exempt from CON review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. We appreciate the Agency’s time and prompt consideration of this request.
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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Denise M. Gunter

Enclosures
Directions to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital

**Traveling south from US 1 /US 15-501**
- Take Highway 2 to traffic circle.
- Take the second exit off the traffic circle onto NC 211 West to Moore Regional Hospital.
- At the second stoplight, take a right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling north from US 15-501:**
- Take US 15-501 to traffic circle.
- Take the third exit off the traffic circle to NC 211 West to Moore Regional Hospital.
- At the second stoplight, take a right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling south from US 1:**
- Take U.S. 1 South to Highway 2 West.
- Take Highway 2 West (Midland Road) to traffic circle (roundabout).
- Take NC 211 West toward FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.
- Take fourth right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling north from US 1:**
- Take US 1 North to US 15-501 North.
- Take US 15/501 North to traffic circle.
- Take the third exit off the traffic circle to NC 211 West to Moore Regional Hospital.
- At the second stoplight, take a right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling west from NC 211:**
- Take NC 211 West to Moore Regional Hospital.
- At the second stoplight, take a right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling south from NC 24-27:**
- Take NC 24-27 to US 220 South.
- Take US 220 South to NC 211 East.
- Take NC 211 East to Moore Regional Hospital.
- Take left at stoplight onto Memorial Drive in Pinehurst. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**Traveling north from NC 177:**
- Take NC 177 North to US 1 North.
- Take US 1 North to US 15-501 North.
- Take US 15/501 North to traffic circle.
- Take the third exit off the traffic circle to NC 211 West to Moore Regional Hospital.
- At the second stoplight, take a right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.

**From Old US 421 S:**
- Take Old US 421 S to NC 902.
- Take left onto Siler City Glendon Road. (Siler City Glendon Rd. becomes Glendon-Carthage Rd.)
- Enter traffic circle (roundabout) and take the first exit onto NC 211 West.
- Take NC 211 West toward FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.
- Take fourth right onto Memorial Drive. (Follow signs for Visitor Entrance.)
- The Visitor Entrance is the second right.
- Parking is available in the Green parking lot.