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April 25, 2024

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Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility

Record #: 4430
Date of Request: April 8, 2024
Facility Name: Carolina Caring, Inc.
Type of Facility: Hospice
FID #: 050937
Acquisition by: Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC
Business #: 3808
County: Catawba

Dear Ms. Murray:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that the project described above is exempt from certificate of need (CON) review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, the above referenced business may proceed to acquire the health service facility identified above and become the operator of the facility without first obtaining a CON. The Agency’s determination is limited to the question of whether the above referenced business would have to obtain a CON if the current owners of the health service facility do in fact sell it to the business listed above. 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.”

If the business listed above does acquire the facility, you should contact the Agency’s Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility.

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 regarding whether a certificate of need would be required. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst

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Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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April 8, 2024

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Attention: Ena Lightbourne ena.lightbourne@dhhs.nc.gov
Gloria Hale Gloria.Hale@dhhs.nc.gov

Re: Notice of Exempt Acquisition of Catawba Valley Hospice House
License # HOS3144
Facility FID # 050937

Dear Ms. Lightbourne and Ms. Hale:

We are writing on behalf of Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184 (a)(8), Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC hereby gives prior written notice of its plan to acquire the existing licensed hospice inpatient, hospice residential and hospice home service facility, which is currently known as Catawba Valley Hospice House, including any equipment owned by Catawba Valley Hospice House at the time of acquisition. Catawba Valley Hospice House is an existing licensed health service facility that is located at 3961 Robinson Road, Newton, NC, 28658.

Catawba Valley Hospice House is a hospice inpatient facility as defined in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176 (13b) and a hospice residential facility as defined in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176 (13c) and offers hospice home care services as defined in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176 (13a). All these hospice type entities are included within the definition of health service facility in N.C.G.S. § 131E-176 (9b). Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 131E-184 (a)(8), the Agency shall exempt from certificate of need review acquisition of an existing health service facility if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing to acquire the existing health service facility.

Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC anticipates completing the acquisition sometime in 2024. Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC will become the licensed owner and operator of the existing hospice inpatient and residential facility and home care agency and will apply for a newly issued license at the appropriate time when the transfer will become effective. Carolina Caring Serious

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Illness, LLC wishes to acquire Catawba Valley Hospice House as part of an effort to include several hospice entities under a new umbrella organization to enhance its services and seek to accomplish efficiencies of operation.

We look forward to receiving from you written acknowledgment of the exemption. Please let us know if you have any questions.

With kind regards,



Maureen Demarest Murray

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From: [Lightbourne, Ena](#)
To: [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Notices of Exempt Hospice Acquisition by Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC.
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:20:03 AM
Attachments: [Catawba Valley Hospice House Notice of Exempt Acquisition Letter to CON Section.2.24\(155519609.3\)-C.pdf](#)
[Sherrill's Ford Hospice House Notice of Exempt Acquisition Letter to CON Section.2.24\(155519362.3\)-C.pdf](#)
[Carolina Caring Notice of Exempt Acquisition Letter to CON Section.2.24\(155519477.4\)-C.pdf](#)

Tiffany, can you log? Thanks.

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst, CON
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(I am in the office Thursdays and Fridays. I am working remotely on the other days, therefore email is typically the best way to reach me.)

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Hi Ena and Gloria,

Hope that your week is off to a good start.

Please see the attached notices of exempt acquisition of existing licensed hospice entities by Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any other information to acknowledge that these anticipated acquisitions are exempt from CON review.

We appreciate your help and prompt consideration.

Kind regards, Maureen

Maureen Demarest Murray

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