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June 17, 2024

Ms. Sandy Godwin

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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 4459  
**Date of Request:** May 20, 2024  
**Facility Name:** Cape Fear Valley Medical Center  
**FID #:** 943057  
**Business Name:** Cumberland County Hospital System  
**Business #:** 578  
**Project Description:** Renovate and expand ground floor of main hospital  
**County:** Cumberland

Dear Ms. Godwin:

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  
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RE: Request for Exemption from Review to construct and expand ancillary and support space of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g)  
 Facility Name: Cape Fear Valley Medical Center  
 Facility ID: 943057  
 License Number: H0213  
 County: Cumberland

Dear Ms. Saporito:

Please accept this letter as notification of Cumberland County Hospital System, Inc. doing business as Cape Fear Valley Medical Center’s (CFVMC) intent to construct and expand hospital spaces on CFVMC’s main campus pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g). CFVHS intends to expand the ground floor and 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the main hospital.

The ground floor expansion will include new construction to accommodate a pediatric emergency department (patient rooms, waiting rooms, check-in, entrance, etc.). The first-floor expansion will consist of shell space to accommodate future expansion for central sterile, receiving, and supplies. The total capital cost of the project is estimated to exceed \$4,000,000.

Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g), the Certificate of Need law provides that an applicant’s proposal to replace or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility on the same main campus site that exceeds the \$4,000,000 threshold set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b) 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 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)b; and
- (3) the licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure provides prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g).

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Further, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(14n), “main campus” as referenced in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(g), means the following:

- 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.

The CFVMC project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above.

- The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$4,000,000.
- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to expand the existing health service facility on the main campus located at 1638 Owen Drive, North Carolina 28302. The proposed expansion will be located on the main campus, which is the site from which CFVMC provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility (Hospital License # H0213, FID # 943057, please see Exhibit 2 for the hospital license). CFVMC’s Facility Executive’s office is located in the main hospital building.
- The proposed project will not result in a change in bed capacity (increase or decrease) as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(5) or the addition of a health service facility or a new institutional health service other than that allowed in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16b). The project will not increase the number of operating rooms or gastrointestinal rooms. The project will not result in the acquisition of major medical equipment or the offering of health services not currently provided.



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- This letter constitutes the required prior written notice under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(g)(3).

No new institutional health services will be offered at this site without a certificate of need. Based on the above facts, the project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. We are requesting that you confirm in writing that CFVMC's previously described project is exempt from Certificate of Need review and that CFVMC may proceed as planned with this project.

Please contact me at 910.615.6852 or [stgodwin@capefearvalley.com](mailto:stgodwin@capefearvalley.com) regarding any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy T. Godwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Sandy T. Godwin  
Vice President, Strategic Planning  
Cape Fear Valley Health System

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For your processing...

*Martha Waller*

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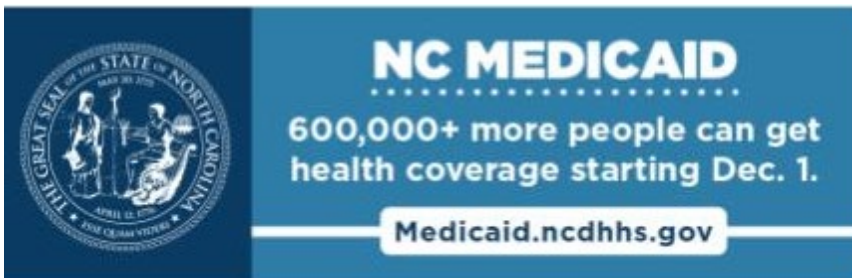
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Tanya,

Attached please find an exemption request for Cape Fear Valley Medical Center to expand hospital spaces on the main campus. Please email me or Sandy if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Karin

## **Karin Sandlin**

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