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September 6, 2024

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No Review

Record #: 4557
Date of Request: August 20, 2024
Facility Name: Catawba County Dialysis
FID #: 160450
Business Name: DaVita, Inc.
Business #: 600
Project Description: Add peritoneal dialysis services
County: Catawba

Dear Ms. Fleming:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the project as described 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.

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,

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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

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Ms. Ena Lightbourne, Project Analyst
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
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No Review Request – Add In-Center PD Services to Existing In-Center Facility

Facility: Catawba County Dialysis
County: Catawba
FID#: 160450

Dear Ms. Lightbourne:

We are requesting a No Review Determination which will allow Catawba County Dialysis to add in-center Peritoneal Dialysis (ICPD) services to the facility so that the facility can fully offer Urgent Start Peritoneal Dialysis (PD).

A PD Urgent Start takes place when, per the physician, a chronic kidney disease (CKD) stage 5/6 patient requires dialysis sooner than 14 days after PD catheter placement, typically prior to the complete healing of the exit site. A patient with a newly placed PD catheter can begin low-volume, supine dialysis as soon as 24 hours after surgery. Initial treatment is provided by a PD RN in a PD licensed program until the patient selects a permanent modality.

Most Urgent Start patients initiate peritoneal dialysis training when they receive these initial treatments. If an Urgent Start PD treatment is provided without training, it must be billed as an ICPD treatment. Accordingly, ICPD certification is required in order to provide and bill for treatment without training. Catawba County Dialysis would like to be prepared for the instances where physicians determine initial treatment should begin prior to initiating peritoneal dialysis training.

The physician's goal of an urgent start is to avoid discharging a patient with a tunneled or non-tunneled central venous catheter (CVC), which is associated with significantly more complications, and to help patients start directly on PD as a therapy of choice. Additional benefits for the patient include:

- Empowers patient choice and provides benefits of PD therapy from the start
- Avoids CVC placement and associated complications, including lower bacteremia, common septicemia, venous stenosis and thrombotic events
- Better maintenance of residual renal function
- Results in a single, rather than multiple access procedures

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- Greater likelihood of maintaining employment and better quality of life

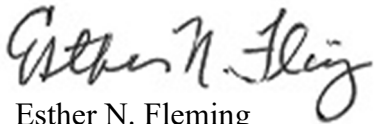
We are not seeking to add any additional dialysis stations to the facility with this request.

Catawba County Dialysis is already certified to provide PD services and has Registered Nurses who are trained in the PD modality. There is adequate space in the facility to accommodate ICPD services.

The facility will continue to offer in-center dialysis. This change will not adversely impact the patient population of Catawba County Dialysis.

The facility would like to be able to offer these services as soon as possible, so we appreciate your prompt review of this request. You can contact me at 704-323-8384 if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esther N. Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Esther N. Fleming

Director, Healthcare Planning

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Hi Ena,

Attached is a request for a No Review determination for the following facility:

- Catawba County Dialysis / Catawba / FID# 160450

Please let me know if you have any problem with the file.

Best,
Esther

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-DaVita Inc-