

DCH Regional Medical Center

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December 18, 2013

Mr. Alva M. Lambert
Executive Director
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: DCH Regional Medical Center
Request for Letter of Non-Reviewability for Special Procedures/EP Room
and Services

Dear Mr. Lambert:

On behalf of DCH Regional Medical Center, a 583 licensed bed acute care hospital located at 809 University Boulevard East in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, please accept this request as a "Letter of Non-Reviewability" for replacement of equipment and enlargement of a Special Procedures/EP Room.

Pursuant to *Section 410-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations* ("CON Rules"), this letter requests determination that the proposed expansion and remodeling of existing Special Procedures/EP space and the purchase of equipment related to this project are not subject to Certificate of Need review. Enclosed are two checks made payable to the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency in the amounts of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) for the filing fee and \$300 for the surcharge fee. Below, you will find information applicable to the project and justification of the Non-Reviewability of this project.

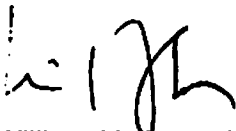
The DCH Regional Medical Center Cardiology Services area includes a capacity of six diagnostic/treatment rooms of which one room is currently used for Special Procedures/EP testing not subject to Certificate of Need review, four rooms which are CON approved operational cardiac catheterization labs and one room is an existing empty shell space. The four existing CON approved cardiac catheterization rooms will remain fully functional providing services as they are. Our request entails enlarging and equipping the present Special Procedures/EP room and to continue non CON required services including electrophysiology services. In the event one of the existing CON cath labs requires extended repair or maintenance or is not in service, the Special Procedures/EP room may be temporarily allocated for cath procedures. There will not be more than the four CON approved catheterization labs in service at a time. The Special Procedures/EP lab will not include utilization of a cine camera. The proposed enlarged Special Procedures/EP lab will remain located within the existing Cardiology Services area. This room will be utilized for the treatment of DCH Regional Medical Center's patients and will be operated by DCH Regional Medical Center.

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This project does not involve the construction, development, acquisition or other establishment of a new health care facility, nor the addition of any new service that is subject to CON review, nor a change in the existing licensed bed capacity of the health care facility. This request does not exceed any capital expenditure review thresholds and DCH Regional Medical Center's request is below the current threshold amounts set forth and described in the *Administrative Rules and Regulations at 410-1-4-.01(b)*. This request does not include the acquisition of major medical equipment as defined in 410-1-2-.24. Furthermore, this request does not involve a new institutional health service subject to review as defined in the *Administrative Rules and Regulations at 410-1-4-.01*.

Our cost will not exceed any of the published review thresholds. We will not exceed the expenditure limits for major medical equipment or the threshold for new annual operating costs nor the cumulative total project cost. Subsequently, based on the information provided, DCH Regional Medical Center requests your determination that this proposed project outlined herein is not subject to CON review under the *Administrative Rules and Regulations*. Mr. Frank Williford is our contact. If you have any questions, please contact him at (334)271-1987.

Sincerely,



William H. Cassels
Administrator

cc: Bryan Kindred
Frank Williford