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January 26, 2023

**SENT THIS DATE VIA EMAIL TO:**

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[Emily.Marsal@shpda.alabama.gov](mailto:Emily.Marsal@shpda.alabama.gov)

Ms. Emily T. Marsal, Esquire  
Executive Director  
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama d/b/a Northwest Regional Health  
and d/b/a Northwest Primary Care

Dear Ms. Marsal,

The Health Authority of Winfield, Alabama (the "Authority") owns and operates Northwest Regional Health (the "Hospital") in Winfield, Marion County, Alabama. The Authority also owns and operates a primary care clinic (the "Clinic") also located in Winfield, Alabama which desires to certify as a Rural Health Clinic ("RHC") under the Medicare program. With this letter, we request, on behalf of the Authority, written confirmation that the Clinic is not subject to Certificate of Need review prior to being certified as an RHC. The following information is provided to assist in evaluating this request:

1. **Name of applicant:** The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama d/b/a Northwest Regional Health and d/b/a Northwest Primary Care.
2. **Address and contact information:**  
Michael D. Windham, CEO  
Phone Number: (205) 487-7555  
Email: [Michael.Windham@northwestmedcenter.org](mailto:Michael.Windham@northwestmedcenter.org)  
The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama  
d/b/a Northwest Regional Health  
1530 US Highway 43  
Winfield, Alabama 35594  
and  
Northwest Primary Care  
200 Carraway Drive  
Winfield, Alabama 35594
3. **Service Area:** Marion County, Alabama

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4. **Services to be provided:** Outpatient health services, including primary care, nurse practitioner, and rural health clinic services, as defined at 42 C.F.R. § 491.9 (“The clinic or center staff furnishes those diagnostic and therapeutic services and supplies that are commonly furnished in a physician’s office or at the entry point into the health care delivery system. These include medical history, physical examination, assessment of health status, and treatment for a variety of medical conditions.”)

5. **Financial breakdown**

a. <b><u>Equipment and Furniture:</u></b>	\$31,113
b. <b><u>First year new annual operating costs:</u></b>	\$522,380
c. <b><u>Capital Costs:</u></b>	
i. <b>Leases:</b>	\$37,840
ii. <b>Land/Building costs:</b>	\$0.00
iii. <b>Construction Costs:</b>	\$0.00

6. **Financial Interests:** The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama is the sole owner and operator of Northwest Primary Care. No other health care facility, group or entity has a financial interest in Northwest Primary Care.

As of September 23, 2022, the Certificate of Need thresholds pursuant to Ala. Code § 22-21-263 are \$3,241,543.00 for major medical equipment, \$1,296,615.00 for new annual operating costs, and \$6,483,085.00 for any other capital expenditures. All the projected expenditure amounts for this project are well below these thresholds. In addition, both the Hospital and the Clinic are located in areas designated as "rural" for purposes of 42 C.F.R. § 491.5, pertaining to certification of RHCs (i.e., they are not located in areas delineated as "urbanized areas" in the last census conducted by the United States Census Bureau). The enclosed map from the United States Census Bureau's TIGER web service reflects that Winfield is not located in an "urbanized area". In addition, as outlined above, the Clinic will continue to operate largely as a medical office following its certification as an RHC.

The Authority, as applicant, primarily operates Northwest Regional Health, a rural hospital. As such, pursuant to Ala. Admin Code Rule 410-1-7-.02(&), no application fee is tendered with this request for a reviewability determination. Should you determine that an application fee is required, please contact me at your earliest convenience.



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Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael D. Windham'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael D. Windham  
Chief Executive Officer



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AFFIRMATION OF REQUESTING PARTY

The undersigned, Michael D. Windham, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that he is CEO of The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama d/b/a Northwest Regional Health and d/b/a Northwest Primary Care, has knowledge of the facts in this request; and, to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

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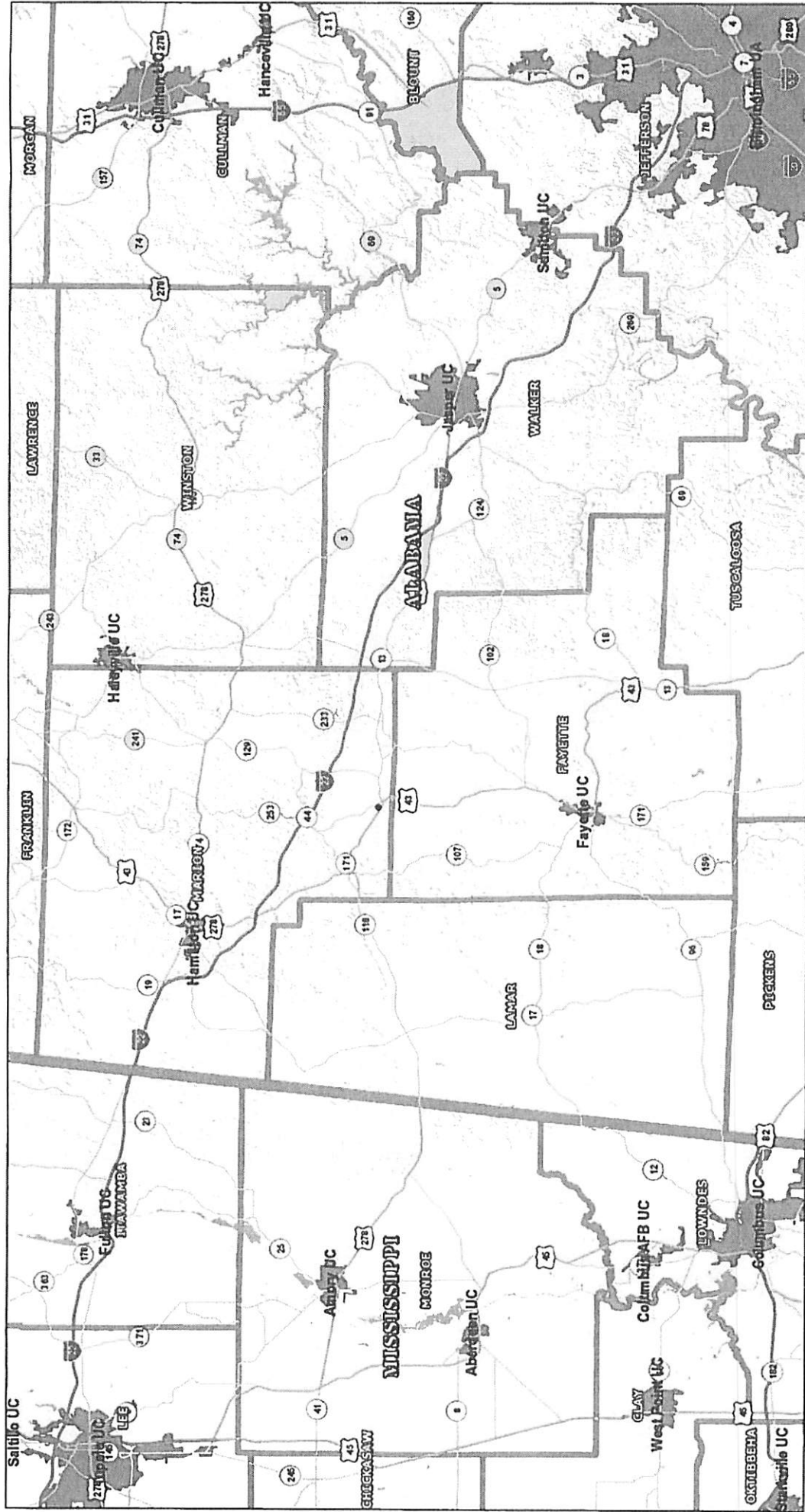
Michael D. Windham  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

(SEAL)

Danna Hardin  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires:  
July 8, 2024

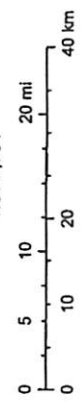
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September 24, 2020

- Urbanized Areas
- Urban Clusters
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau  
Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

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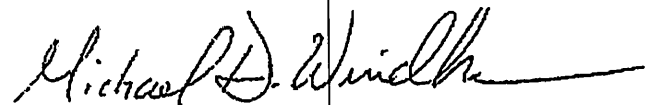
Re: RV2023-014

Dear Ms. Marsal,

The letter is written to provide supplemental information for RV2023-014. No additional cost will be incurred for the Medicare Certification of the primary care clinic Northwest Primary Care owned and operated by the Health Authority of Winfield, Alabama who owns and operates Northwest Regional Health. There will be no construction cost, equipment cost, or new operating costs for the certification.

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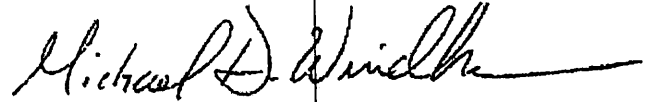
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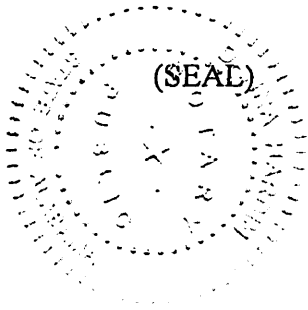
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Michael D. Windham

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires:  
July 8, 2024