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**RE: Project Modification After Issuance of Certificate of Need
AL2010-172, CON # 2483 – ESRD
Reliant Renal Care – Alabama, LLC d/b/a RRC Northridge**

Dear Mr. Lambert:

As reported in the prior CON update presented your office on 2/25/11 RRC Northridge has completed the addition of ten (10) of the approved fourteen (14) stations approved by the state of AL CON # 2483 – ESRD. The State of AL Department of Public Health Division of Health Care Facilities has surveyed the center and certification of these additional ten (10) stations was received effective 03/14/2011 certifying RRC to operate two (2) home hemo dialysis training stations, two (2) peritoneal dialysis training stations and sixteen (16) in center staff assisted hemo dialysis stations.

As a reminder CON # 2483 does approve RRC to add a total of fourteen (14) stations. Because the original approval of the project dated June 4, 2009 from the State Department of Public Health Tony B. Dunklin Technical Services Unit approved the project as it was earlier established as a physician's office. RRC acted under the advice of Mr. Dunklin and made the request for an additional ten (10) of the approved fourteen (14) stations.

The scope of work under the original CON # 2483 CON ADPH Project # B-11-037 has been completed and RRC wishes to move forward with the plans to certify the remaining four (4) in center staff assisted hemo dialysis stations.

Tony B. Dunklin from the State Department of Public Health Technical Services Unit has expressed that the current location of the peritoneal training stations does not meet the Life Safety Codes for Ambulatory & ESRD Services. As a result of Mr. Tony Dunklin's feedback regarding the location of the two (2) Peritoneal Dialysis stations and the upgrades required to meet life safety codes the original proposal presented by Mr. Bob Cherry of McNab Architects has been revised resulting in the need to

request a project modification. Mr. Cherry has presented a plan and RRC has agreed that the best option is to relocate the two (2) Peritoneal Training stations within the area of the building currently housing the staff assisted hemo dialysis and home hemo dialysis programs where we meet approval for Life Safety Codes for Ambulatory & ESRD services.

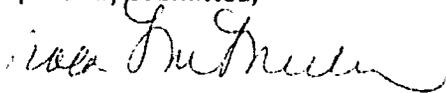
Plan Descriptor:

1. Use the existing staff lounge to construct two (2) Exam rooms. The room would require a wall to be built that would divide the room widthwise and an additional door be installed to gain access to the rear half of the space. An existing door/doorway would have to be relocated from a hall area to the edge of the existing Biomed/Store room area. Clean and dirty sinks would need to be installed.
2. Divide the existing Center Director's office into two halves widthwise by constructing a wall and a second door be added to gain access to the rear of the room. The Center Director will utilize the rear portion and the PD Nurse would utilize the front portion.
3. The staff lounge will be relocated into the previous conference room.

As you are most probably aware, construction work timelines have been extended as a result of the most recent tornado. As noted in your March 8 response to our earlier status report, it has been our plan to begin the process of adding the remaining four (4) stations prior to the expiration date of the CON; however due to circumstances related to the storm we are behind schedule with our plans, we are still in the process of adding these remaining four stations as detailed in steps one (1) through three (3) above.

RRC respectfully submits this request for a project modification after issuance of certificate of need pursuant to Section 410-1-10-03 of your agency's rules and regulations. We also request that you confirm that our commencement of construction as previously reported to you in our letter March 7, 2011, and your response dated March 8, 2011, constitute acceptance of RRC's firm commitment and obligation such as to keep the CON in full force and effect until the completion of the construction as long as RRC complies with all other applicable rules and regulations of your agency.

Respectfully Submitted,



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