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Alva M. Lambert, Esq.  
Executive Director  
State Health Planning & Development Agency  
100 North Union St., Suite 870  
Montgomery AL 36104

***Re: Request for Reviewability Determination  
Gadsden Regional Medical Center (Gadsden, Alabama)***

Dear Mr. Lambert:

The purpose of this letter is to request your determination, pursuant to Section 401-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules & Regulations ("Regulations"), that the construction of two additional operating rooms in the existing hospital does not require our client, Gadsden Regional Medical Center ("Gadsden Regional"), to obtain a Certificate of Need ("CON") from the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Attached is a check for \$1,000.00 as payment for the applicable fee. In order to assist with this determination, we offer the following information:

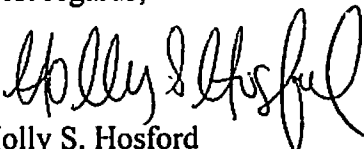
The scope of the proposed project will not exceed any of the CON expenditure thresholds specified in Section 410-1-2-.07 of the Regulations, of \$2,854,550 for major medical equipment, of \$1,141,819 for new annual operation costs, or of \$5,709,099 for capital expenditures, as currently adjusted for CPI. Gadsden Regional estimates that the proposed project will involve the following approximate costs:

Total Construction Cost:	\$4,200,000.00
Total Equipment Cost:	\$1,800,000.00
Total Annual Operating Cost:	\$ 768,791.00

Gadsden Regional currently operates 16 operating rooms. Gadsden Regional plans to construct two (2) additional operating rooms for a total of 18 operating rooms in the hospital. The proposed additional operating rooms will be constructed in the existing surgery suite, in an area that is currently used for supply storage. The two (2) additional operating rooms will be available for use in any surgical specialty. This project will not involve the addition of inpatient beds or the conversion of one classification of beds into another classification of beds. Further, this project will not result in the provision of any new health services.

Accordingly, based on the above, we respectfully request your determination that Gadsden Regional is not required to obtain a CON in order to complete the proposed project. We appreciate your consideration of this request, and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter.

Best regards,



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Enclosures