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Mr. Alva Lambert  
Executive Director  
State Health Planning and Development Agency  
P.O. Box 303025  
Montgomery, AL 36130-3025

Re: Northwest Medical Center, Inc. (NWMC) - Radiation Oncology Services for a small and rural Hospital Reviewability Determination

Dear Mr. Lambert:

NWMC has hired my firm to represent them in a request for a Letter of Non-Reviewability (LNR) concerning radiation oncology services. In 2000 I represented Russell Medical Center (RMC) in a similar request in which a LNR was granted. NWMC, like RMC, is a small and rural hospital. NWMC is actually asking for less services than RMC did in the prior request.

Southeast Physicians Network (SPN) wishes to sell a Linear Accelerator (LA) to NWMC. The LA will be located in Winfield, Marion County, Alabama.

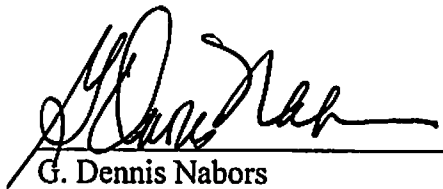
The Yearly operating costs will be less than the threshold for new annual operating costs. The service offered is radiation therapy. The service is currently offered by SPN. There will be no new beds as a result of this transaction. There will be no conversion of beds as a result of this transaction. This is an asset transaction.

Based upon the above, we respectfully request your determination that NWMC, like all small and rural hospitals in Alabama, is exempt from Certificate of Need review for the acquisition of a LA.

Attached is our check made payable to SHPDA in the amount of \$1,000 for this request. We appreciate your consideration and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

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