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November 18, 2019

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

Re: Non-Reviewability Determination Request

Dear Ms. Marsal:

On behalf of East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC), I am writing to submit a reviewability determination request in accordance with Section 410-1-7-.02 of the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency's Certificate of Need Rules and Regulations with regards to expanding the nursery services offered at EAMC to include a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

EAMC currently provides neonatal services with a 28-bassinet well baby nursery and a specialty care, Level II, nursery with 7 bassinets. The proposed project is an expansion of current services and allows EAMC to begin offering NICU services with a 6-bed unit. By expanding its current nursery services, EAMC will be able to keep newborns and their families closer to home without having to travel. It also will help provide continuity of care for our newborns.

Since EAMC already offers newborn services, this project is an expansion of current services and not the addition of a new service. In addition, this project does not involve the addition of any new inpatient beds. There will be some renovation and construction for this project on the third floor of the hospital. The NICU will be located near the existing Level II nursery and other mother child services that EAMC offers such as the child birth unit, postpartum recovery, well baby nursery, and pediatrics. This will allow the entire third floor to be solely dedicated to mother child services.

Expenditures for the proposed NICU project are as follows:

Renovation and Construction:	\$2,800,000
Equipment and Furnishings:	\$2,487,000
New Annual Operating Costs:	\$1,175,000

None of the expenses for this project, as listed above, exceed the certificate of need thresholds. Based on the information provided above, we respectfully request your determination that EAMC is not required to obtain a certificate of need for this project. An attestation from the requesting party is enclosed herein, and the required filing fee has been submitted via the State Health Planning and Development Agency's electronic payment portal. I appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Grill', written in a cursive style.


Laura Grill
President

Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that she is the President of The East Alabama Health Care Authority dba East Alabama Medical Center, has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of her information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant 
Laura Grill

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18 day of November 2019.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/12/2021



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December 4, 2019

Ms. Emily T. Marsal
Executive Director
State Health Planning and Development Agency
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Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: RV2020-007
East Alabama Medical Center

Dear Ms. Marsal:

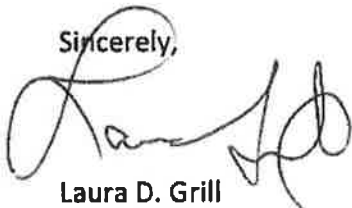
This letter is in response to your November 25, 2019 correspondence requesting additional information regarding East Alabama Medical Center's (EAMC) reviewability request proposing to expand the existing nursery services offered at EAMC to include a six (6) bed neonatal intensive care unit (NICU).

The additional information that you requested is listed below:

- 1. Provide the service area for the proposed service.*
The service area for the NICU will be the same as the existing neonatal services offered by EAMC. The primary service area is Lee County in which EAMC is located and the secondary service area consists of Chambers, Macon, Randolph, Russell, and Tallapoosa counties.
- 2. Provide disclosure of financial interests in the entity requesting the reviewability determination held by any other healthcare facilities or groups.*
EAMC is owned and operated by The East Alabama Health Care Authority. There are no other healthcare facilities or groups involved in the ownership of EAMC.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this reviewability request.

Sincerely,



Laura D. Grill
President/CEO