STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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NOTICE FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY WAIVER

In the fifth supplemental State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ivey gave the State Health Planning and Development Agency (Agency) the ability to promulgate rules in order to issue temporary waivers to the normal Certificate of Need (CON) process for providers specifically requiring additional capacity or services directly related to the State of Emergency declared for the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agency has filed two emergency administrative rules**:** ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E COVID-19 State of Emergency, passed by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-10-.05-E Emergency Provisions Related to COVID-19 Emergency, passed by the Certificate of Need Review Board. Both of these emergency rules can be found on the SHPDA website.

By filling out this attached form, the applicant has requested a temporary waiver under these emergency rules and it has been signed and notarized that this request is directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The affirmation by the SHPDA Executive Director is related solely to the addition and/or provision of any beds, stations, or services during the State of Emergency and succeeding 60-day period and does not affirm any permanent CON authority for such request. The affirmation shall also not be considered to be a waiver of any requirements related to the Alabama Department of Public Health or any other regulatory agency.

Pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E (3), the request as affirmed, "shall automatically terminate on the earlier of (i) as applicable, the discontinuation of services or closure of facilities subject to the waiver; or (ii) sixty (60) days following the termination of the State of Emergency as recognized in the Declaration." Furthermore, the rule states, "[a]ny continued operation of institutional health services authorized under a waiver granted pursuant to this section will require a CON, which shall be subject to existing CON criteria and procedures, including compliance with the State Health Plan, without regard to emergency rules adopted by the CON Board or SHCC in response to the Declaration. It is the intent of this subsection that services, facilities or other new institutional health services established as a result a waiver be considered 'new' for purposes of an application for CON authority to extend such new institutional health services beyond the deadlines in this subsection."

In addition, pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E (4), "new institutional health services authorized on a temporary basis pursuant to a waiver granted under this rule shall not be considered for purposes of the permanent need methodology in the State Health Plan."

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Agency at (334) 242-4103.

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WAIVER IDENTIFICATION: TW2021-004

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED WAIVER

FACILITY ID NO.: 009-H7179 COUNTY: Blount

FACILITY/PROVIDER NAME: ProHealth of North Central Alabama, LLC

STREET ADDRESS: 25522 Highway 75N

CITY: Oneonta ZIP CODE: 35121

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: David A. Lester

TITLE: CEO EMAIL ADDRESS: david.lester@prohealthgroup.com

DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER: (205) 820-7000

TYPE OF FACILITY/PROVIDER: Home Health

Pursuant to a declaration issued by Governor Ivey on April 2, 2020, the following additional services are being enacted pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r 410-2-5-.09-E and 410-1-10-.05-E.

Home Health Services in Hale County.

Does this request involve an increase in: Beds No [X] Yes [ ] Number _____

ESRD Stations No [X] Yes [ ] Number _____

Provide a brief explanation of how these services will assist in the health and safety of citizens during the emergency (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Or referral sources have indicated to us that they are experiencing some difficulty in placing home health patients in this county as a result of staffing shortages caused by the COVID outbreak, especially patients with undesirable insurance/Medicare Advantage plans. ProHealth accepts most of the plans of the patients the referral sources have to tried to place with us and we will admit those patients in this County.

Projected Construction/Renovation Costs: $ 0.00

Projected Equipment Costs: $ 0.00

Projected date additional services/equipment will be available for service: 10/29/2020

If this Waiver request involves construction of a new facility and/or acquisition of new equipment, provide a brief description of the proposal on a separate sheet of paper and return with this form.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby affirms that he/she has direct knowledge of the facts contained this request, and to the best of their information, knowledge, and belief, such facts are true and correct. The undersigned agrees to comply with the requirements and limitations outlined by Rules 410-2-5-.09-E and 410-1-10-.05-E

Signature of Authorized Officer

October 29, 2020
Date

David A. Lester
Printed Name

CEO
Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of October, 2020.

Melanie Phillips
Notary Public

(Seal)

MELANIE PHILLIPS
Notary Public
Alabama State at Large

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires May 24, 2023

AFFIRMED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Emily T. Marsh

11/2/2020
Date

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