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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Alva M. Lambert, Executive Director
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
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Re: AL2005-039, CON 2957-LTACH-MOD1 Athens-Limestone Hospital

Dear Mr. Lambert:

On January 9, 2015, Joe Campbell provided SHPDA with a copy of the Management Agreement, effective January 9, 2015, between North Alabama-AMG Specialty Hospital, LLC, as manager of the long term acute care hospital services, and North Alabama Specialty Hospital, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County. Mr. Campbell also requested that the Certificate of Need be assigned from The Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County Hospital, LLC and that the CON be extended; however, upon review, it was determined that the request is more appropriately a project modification request and as attorneys of record we have been requested to submit this project modification request.

HISTORY

- In December 2012, the CON 2957-LTACH was issued to The Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County.
- The construction contract issued for renovations in August 2013 and the Authority requested an extension of the CON and SHPDA granted the request.

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- A lease agreement was signed by Noland Health Services in October 2013.
- Subsequently, in December 2013 a moratorium was issued on LTACs
- In January 2014 the contested case that was filed by Crestwood Hospital was resolved.
- Alabama Department of Public Health approved on January 22, 2014 the preliminary site plans submitted and shortly after in February 2014, Noland Health Services terminated/breached the Management Agreement.
- Athens-Limestone Hospital advised SHPDA shortly thereafter that it was searching for a new vendor/provider of services due to the original contracted provider, Noland Health Services, Inc., terminating its contract with Athens-Limestone Hospital.
- On January 9, 2015, North Alabama-AMG Specialty Hospital, LLC signed a Management Agreement with North Alabama Specialty Hospital, LLC, a wholly owned

PROJECT MODIFICATION

The Health Care Authority of Athens and Limestone County respectfully requests the above referenced project be modified to reissue the CON to its wholly owned subsidiary, North Alabama Specialty Hospital, LLC. This change in project does not involve the addition of beds or change in bed classification or provision of new health services.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Very truly yours,

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