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Mr. Alva Lambert
Executive Director
State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street
Suite 870
Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Request for Letter of Non-Reviewability by Crestwood Medical Center,
Huntsville, AL, for Expansion and Renovation of its Emergency Department

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 proposed expansion and renovation of the existing emergency department does not require our client, Crestwood Medical Center, located at One Hospital Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35801 ("Crestwood"), to obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) from the State Health Planning and Development Agency. Attached is a check for \$1,300.00 in payment of the applicable fee. In order to assist in this determination, we offer the following information:

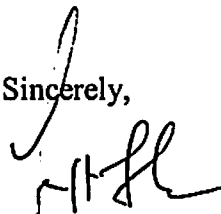
This scope of work, with contingencies, will not exceed any of the Certificate of Need expenditure thresholds specified in Section 410-1-2-.07 of the Regulations, of \$2,757,204 for major medical equipment, of \$1,102,881 for new annual operation costs or of \$5,514,408 for capital expenditures, as currently adjusted for CPI.

The proposed project will add approximately 6,750 square feet of new construction that will be contiguous to the existing emergency department at its western wall. This construction will provide 17 new exam rooms, a new nursing station, new support/storage areas, and one new triage room. In addition, the project will include a new connector which will link an adjacent medical office building to Crestwood. The project will also involve the renovation of approximately 2,900 square feet of existing space.

This project will not involve the addition of inpatient beds. Further, this project does not involve the conversion of one classification of beds into another classification of beds and will not result in the provision of any new health services.

Accordingly, based on the above, we respectfully request your determination that Crestwood 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.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure
