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16 June 2015

**Mr. Alva Lambert
Executive Director
State Health Planning & Dev. Agency
P. O. Box 303025
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3025**

Re: LNR for Second EP Lab at Baptist Medical Center-Princeton

Dear Mr. Lambert:


A Letter of Non-Reviewability is requested for a second Electrophysiology Lab ("EP Lab") at Princeton Baptist Medical Center located in Birmingham, Alabama. For a number of years, Princeton has operated one EP Lab. During this time, EP activities, such as ablations, have increased in volume. We also perform pacemakers and AICDs (automated implantable cardioverter defibrillators) in the existing EP Lab, which adds to the activities.

Princeton proposes to renovate existing space for this second EP Lab, which space is adjacent to the existing EP Lab. Princeton also proposes to purchase new EP equipment for the second EP Lab. We also propose to transfer some of the current activities to the second EP Lab to assist in balancing activities and operational efficiency between the two Labs.

This second EP Lab is not a new service and is an expansion of the existing EP capability. This proposed second EP Lab does not include the addition or conversion of beds and does not exceed the financial thresholds that require a Certificate of Need as published by SHPDA effective as of October 1, 2014. Accordingly, based on the above, we respectfully request your determination that Princeton is not required to obtain a CON in order to complete the proposed second EP Lab.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please contact me should you have any questions. A check for the filing fee of \$1,000 is attached.

Sincerely,


Ms. Sarah S. Nunnelly
Chief Operating Officer, PBMC

cc: Ms. Betsy Postlethwait, President, PBMC