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[Shpda.online@shpda.alabama.gov](mailto:Shpda.online@shpda.alabama.gov)

Emily Marsal, Executive Director  
AL State Health Planning and Development Agency  
RSA Union Building  
100 North Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Re: Reviewability Request  
Hale County Hospital  
Emergency Department Renovation

Dear Ms. Marsal,

The Hale County Health Care Authority (the "Authority") owns and operates Hale County Hospital (the "Hospital") in Greensboro, Hale County, AL. With this letter, we request, on behalf of the Authority, written confirmation that the Hospital is not subject to Certificate of Need review prior to renovating the existing Hospital Emergency Department. Please see the attached report (generated on May 9, 2024, by the Rural Health Information Hub, which is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy) that confirms the Hospital is classified as Rural by the federal government. Hale County Hospital currently operates an emergency department on its main hospital campus. The hospital's current emergency department presents patient throughput and efficiency challenges in the current treatment space. To improve patient throughput in the existing emergency department, Hale County Hospital plans to build-out existing shell space already enclosed in the current emergency department footprint to accommodate two (2) additional dedicated and enclosed emergency department treatment rooms, renovate waiting and reception areas, and nursing station.

The following information is provided to assist in evaluating this request:

1. **Name of Applicant:** The Hale County Healthcare Authority of Greensboro, Hale County, Alabama d/b/a Hale County Hospital
2. **Address and contact information:**  
Shay Cherry, CEO



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d/b/a Hale County Hospital

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Greensboro, AL 36744

3. Service Area: Hale County, Alabama
4. Services to be provided: Emergency Services
5. Financial Breakdown:
  - a. Equipment and Furniture: \$200,000
  - b. This is an existing service. No new annual operating costs
  - c. Capital Costs
    - i. Leases: 0.00
    - ii. Land/Building Costs: 0.00
    - iii. Construction Costs: \$2,000,000
6. No other health care facility has a financial interest in the proposed project.

The proposed construction will not exceed any of the CON expenditure thresholds set forth in Section 410-1-2-.07 of the CON rules, which effective October 1, 2023 are \$3,322,582 for major medical equipment, \$1,327,734 for new annual operating cost, and \$6,638,679 for other capital expenditures.

This proposed renovation in the emergency department will result in neither an increase in the number of licensed inpatient beds nor a reclassification of beds. Further, the renovation will not result in the implementation of a new institutional health service or change the Hospital's existing service area.

For these reasons, the proposed renovation is not subject to CON review. See Ala. Code 1975, 22-21-263; CON Rules 410-1-2.07. We therefore respectfully request your determination that Hale County Hospital is not required to obtain a CON in order to undertake the renovation described in this letter. We appreciate your consideration of this request, and we welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Shay Cherry, CEO

Hale County Healthcare Authority





**STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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**FACTUAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR REVIEWABILITY  
DETERMINATION REQUESTS (SHPDA Rule 410-1-7-.02)**

Any person may request for informational purposes only a determination as to the current reviewability of an anticipated project or determination of exemption for replacement equipment. Such request shall be submitted pursuant to the electronic filing requirements of SHPDA Rule 410-1-3-.09, disclosing full factual information, as more specifically identified below, and supplemented by any additional information or documentation which the Executive Director may deem necessary. SHPDA Rule 410-1-7-.02(1).

The following information must be included in all requests for reviewability determinations other than requests made pursuant to the Physician's Office Exemption (POE) or regarding End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) stations, which must provide unique information specific to those providers:

1. Name of company seeking the reviewability determination.
2. Address and contact information for the authorized company representative seeking the determination.
3. Service area for the proposed service/equipment.
4. Any new/additional services to be provided under the proposed project.
5. Approximated costs of the proposed project for:
  - a. Equipment
  - b. First year annual operating costs
  - c. Capital costs, to include:
    - i. Leases
    - ii. Land/Building costs
    - iii. Construction costs
6. Disclosure of financial interests in the entity requesting the reviewability determination held by any other healthcare facilities or groups.
7. Attestation by an officer, partner or authorized agent of the company having knowledge of the facts disclosed in the reviewability request, utilizing the following form:

Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that he/she is [include position with entity requesting the determination], has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of his/her/their information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant Shay Cherry, CEO (SEAL)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 9th day of May 2024

Wain D. Kelley  
Notary Public

My commission expires 2/10/2027

Each determination must be accompanied by a \$1,000 filing fee submitted in accordance with SHPDA Rule 410-1-3-.09, Electronic Filing. Once deemed complete, notice of the request shall be published on the Agency's website for thirty (30) business days, and additional notice of the request shall be provided to the general distribution list maintained by the Agency. Any affected person may file comments with the Agency pursuant to SHPDA Rule 410-1-3-.09 regarding the issuance of the requested letter of non-reviewability. The Executive Director may provide a response to the request within forty-five (45) days of the request, unless additional time is needed to obtain additional information or to evaluate comments filed in opposition of the request.

# Am I Rural? – Report

Report produced by the Rural Health Information Hub on 05/09/24.

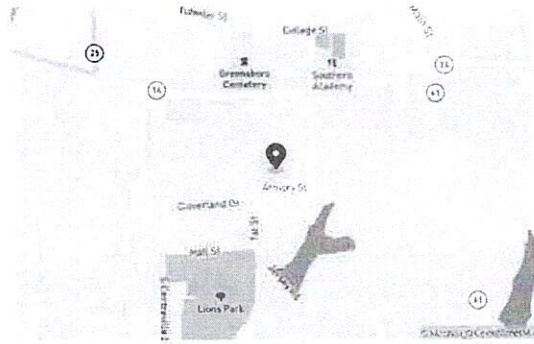
## Location

**Report Address:**  
508 Greene St, Greensboro, AL  
36744

**Latitude:** 32.69535  
**Longitude:** -87.58688

**Census Tract:**  
01065040400 (2010)  
01065040401 (2020)

**County:**  
Hale County, AL



## Common Rural Definitions

	How Your Location is Defined
<b>Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs), 2023</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html">2023 TIGER/Line (https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html)</a> , U.S. Census Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CBSA Type: Metropolitan</li><li>• CBSA Name: Tuscaloosa, AL Metro Area</li><li>• CBSA ID: 46220</li></ul>
<b>Urban Areas, 2020</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html">2023 TIGER/Line (https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.html)</a> , U.S. Census Bureau	Not located in an Urban Area.
<b>Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) defined rural areas</b> Data Source: List provided by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy	Hale County, AL has been designated by FORHP as rural.
<b>Frontier and Remote Area (FAR) 2010</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes/">Frontier and Remote Area Codes, Economic Research Service (https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/frontier-and-remote-area-codes/)</a>	Not located in a Frontier and/or Remote area.
<b>Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs) by 2010 census tract</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes/">Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes, Economic Research Service (https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-commuting-area-codes/)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RUCA Code: 2.0</li><li>• Primary Description: Metropolitan area high commuting: primary flow 30% or more to a UA</li></ul>
<b>Rural Urban Continuum Codes (RUCCs) 2023</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes/">Economic Research Service (https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/rural-urban-continuum-codes/)</a>	<p>RUCCs are assigned at the county level.</p> <p>Information for Hale County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RUCC Code: 2</li><li>• RUCC Description: Metro - Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population</li></ul>
<b>Urban Influence Codes (UICs) 2013</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes/">Economic Research Service (https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/urban-influence-codes/)</a>	<p>Information for Hale County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urban Influence Code: 2</li><li>• UIC Description: Small-in a metro area with fewer than 1 million residents</li></ul>
<b>Census 2020, Percent Rural</b> Data Source: <a href="https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html">Urban and Rural (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html)</a> , U.S. Census Bureau	<p>Information for Hale County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Percent of County Population that is Rural: 100.00</li></ul>

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## Program Eligibility

The information provided by this service addresses only the rural aspect of a program's requirements. Your *Am I Rural?* report is not a guarantee of your rural status. Please check with the program contacts directly to verify your eligibility for specific federal programs.

Program	Rural?	
<b>FORHP - Grant Programs</b>	YES	This location is eligible for Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grant programs.  Hale County, AL has been designated by FORHP as rural. (For FY23 grant cycle)
<b>CMS - Rural Health Clinics (RHC) Program</b>	YES	<u><a href="https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf">CMS interim guidance (https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-12-rhc.pdf)</a></u> considers a location to meet the rural location requirement for the RHC program if it is outside of an urbanized area in the 2010 Census Bureau data OR if it is outside of an urban area in the 2020 Census Bureau data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This location is outside of 2010 Urbanized Areas</li><li>• Also, this location is outside of 2020 Urban Areas</li></ul>

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## Shortage Designations

### Health Professional Shortage Areas

Primary Care	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name: Hale County</li><li>• Date of Designation: November 17, 2003</li><li>• Last Update: September 9, 2021</li></ul>
Dental Care	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name: LI - Hale County</li><li>• Date of Designation: April 10, 2023</li><li>• Last Update: April 10, 2023</li></ul>
Mental Health	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name: MHCA-10</li><li>• Date of Designation: April 4, 2023</li><li>• Last Update: April 4, 2023</li></ul>

### Medically Underserved Areas/Populations

Medically Underserved Area (MUA)	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name: Hale County</li><li>• Date of Designation: November 1, 1978</li><li>• Last Update: November 6, 2013</li></ul>
Medically Underserved Population (MUP)	NO	
Medically Underserved Area - Governor's Exception (MUA-GE)	NO	
Medically Underserved Population - Governor's Exception (MUP-GE)	NO	

For data sources and definitions, see the [Rural Classifications \(https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification\)](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural/help#classification) help section.