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Ms. Emily Marsal, Esq.

Executive Director

State Health Planning and Development Agency

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RE: Request for Reviewability Determination
The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital
Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber installation of Compressor for Medical Air
Russell Wing, 1st Floor
UAB Project Number: H245022

Ms. Marsal:

Pursuant to Alabama Certificate of Need Rules and Regulations ("CON Rules") 410-1-7-.02, The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital ("Board")¹ respectfully requests your review and determination that the Board does not require a Certificate of Need ("CON") from the State Health Planning and Development Agency to install dedicated medical aid pups for the existing hyperbaric chambers in the clinic. ("Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber"). To complete your review, the Board respectfully submits the following information:

The Board proposed to install dedicated medical air pumps to provide high pressure medical air to the existing hyperbaric chambers in the Russell Wing. The air compressors are needed to pressurize the chambers in the event that a patient exhibits signs of oxygen toxicity. Renovation of the existing space in the clinic is necessary to accommodate the dedicated medical air pumps. No additional space will be added to the existing hyperbaric chamber area.

The proposed construction cost is \$580,000. The medical equipment is existing, and the new medical air compressors are included in the construction costs. There will be no additional equipment costs, and there is no anticipated change in the Annual Operating Costs for the department.

The proposed construction project will not exceed any of the CON expenditure thresholds as set forth in CON Rule 410-1-2-.07, which, effective October 1, 2024, are \$3,322,582 for major medical equipment; \$1,327,734 for new annual operating costs; and \$6,638,679 for other capital expenditures.

¹No other entity holds any financial interest in the applicant, the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama. The University of Alabama Hospital is an operating division of, and wholly owned by, the Board of Trustees, an agency of the State of Alabama. The physical address for the Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber project is 1813 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233, more commonly known as the Russell Ambulatory Center.

The Board submits this request due to a recent change in policy at the Alabama Department of Public Health ("ADPH"), which now requires either a Certificate of Need or a Letter of Non-Reviewability for all construction projects if those projects result in a facility renovation or modification, which triggers a Life Safety Inspection. The Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber project will trigger an ADPH Life Safety Inspection. However, the proposed project will neither increase in the number of licensed hospital beds nor will the proposed project result in a reclassification of hospital beds. Additionally, please note that no new institutional health services will be offered due to the construction project, and the existing medical service area for the project is Jefferson County. The Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber project meets the criteria specified in CON r. 410-1-4-.01(1)(j).

We respectfully request your determination that the Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber project is not subject to CON Review and is not required to obtain a CON. The \$1,000.00 filing fee required by CON r. 410-1-3-.09 has been submitted electronically. A copy of the confirmation of payment is attached for your review.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at cransburgbrown@uasystem.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Ransburg-Brown
C. Ransburg-Brown, JD
University Counsel
UAB Medicine Enterprise

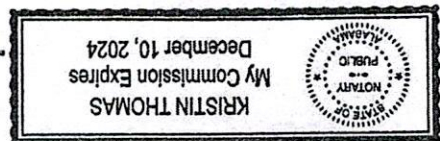
Affirmation of Requesting Party

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby makes an oath or affirms that she is legal counsel for The University of Alabama Hospital, has knowledge of the facts in the attached Reviewability Determination Request, and to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief, such facts are true and correct.

AFFIANT

Cynthia Ransburg-Brown

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this the 5th day of December, 2024.

Kristin Thomas
Notary Public

Alabama, Jefferson County

My commission expires 12/10/24



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RE: Response to Request for Additional Information, Reviewability Determination, RV 2025-015
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Ms. Marsal:

This letter is in follow up to your request for additional information regarding Reviewability Determination Request RV2025-015, filed by the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital ("Board"), which seeks a reviewability determination regarding the plan to install dedicated medical air pumps for the existing hyperbaric chamber in the clinic ("Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber").

Please note the following additional information regarding the 2025 CON thresholds:

Pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 410-1-4-.01, this proposal will not exceed any of the Certificate of Need (CON) expenditure thresholds in effect at the time of the filing, which, effective October 1, 2024, are \$3,379,066 for major medical equipment; \$1,350,305 for new annual operating costs; and \$6,751,537 for other capital expenditures.

We submit this information in response to your request for additional information and respectfully request your determination that the Russell Wing Hyperbaric Chamber project is not subject to Certificate of Need ("CON") Review and is not required to obtain a CON.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at cransburg.brown@uastem.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

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