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Ms. Emily Marsal, Esq.

Executive Director

State Health Planning and Development Agency

100 North Union Street, Suite 870

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

RE: Request for Reviewability Determination
The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital
**Replacement of Infant Warmer and Procedure Lights in Labor, Delivery & Recovery (LDR) Rooms
Women's and Infants' Center, 3rd Floor**
UAB Project Number: H235014

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 replace the existing infant warmer and procedure lights in Women's and Infants' Center at the University of Alabama Hospital ("Women's and Infants' Center"). To complete your review, the Board respectfully submits the following information:

The Board proposes to replace the existing infant warmer and procedure lights in the seventeen (17) labor, delivery, and recovery rooms ("LDR") located on the 3rd floor of the Women's and Infants' Center. The new lights have light emitting diode ("LED") technology, which is cooler and brighter and produces a natural color. The new lights will be consistent with the surgical suites and other procedural areas requiring surgical grade lighting. In addition to replacing the procedure lights, the project will also replace the infant warmers. The current warmers are built into a furniture cabinet in the LDR rooms. This style of warmer is no longer manufactured by any vendor. The hospital, therefore, will replace these obsolete units with a mobile floor-mounted unit. This will require the removal of the existing cabinetry and installation of a new headwall system to provide the medical gases, power, and data needed to care for an infant.

The projected construction cost is \$1,250,000, and the estimated equipment cost \$840,000. There is no anticipated change in the Annual Operating Cost for the department.

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 Women's and Infants' Center project is 1700 6th Avenue South, Birmingham AL 35233, more commonly known as the UAB Hospital Women's and Infants' Center.

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.

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 Women's and Infants' Center 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 Women's and Infants' Center project meets the criteria specified in CON r. 410-1-4-.01(1)(j).

We respectfully request your determination that the Women's and Infants' Center 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

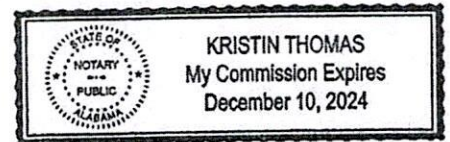
Affirmation of Requesting Party

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

(SEAL)



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

Kristin Thomas

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PURCHASE RECEIPT

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Items	Quantity	TPE Order ID	Total Amount
Letter of Non-Reviewability	1	105643934	\$1,000.00

Applicant Name: **Cynthia Ransburg-Brown**
Filing Date: **12/5/24**
Phone Number: **2058017578**
Email Address: **cransburgbrown@uasystem.edu**

Total remitted to the SHPDA	\$1,000.00
Alabama total amount charged	\$1,032.00



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RE: Response to Request for Additional Information, Reviewability Determination, RV 2025-016
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Ms. Marsal:

This letter is in follow up to your request for additional information regarding Reviewability Determination Request RV2025-016, 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 replace the existing infant warmer and procedure lights in Women's and Infants' Center at the University of Alabama Hospital ("Women's and Infants' Center").

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 Women's and Infants' Center 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 cransburgbrown@uasystem.edu.

Respectfully Submitted,

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