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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 27, 2025

TO:

All Interested Parties

FROM:

Emily T. Marsal

Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Reviewability Determination Request (RV2025-037)

The attached request for a reviewability determination has been received. Any affected person may file written comments regarding this request, per 410-1-7-.02 of the *Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations*, by July 9, 2025.

Pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-3-.09, all documents to be filed with the Agency must be submitted to shpda.alabama.gov in PDF, text searchable format.

Enclosure: see attached

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May 19, 2025

VIA EMAIL (SHPDA.ONLINE@SHPDA.ALABAMA.GOV)

Hon. Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director State Health Planning and Development Agency 100 North Union Street RSA Union Building, Suite 870 Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3025

Re: Non-Reviewability Determination Request – Location of Southeast Alabama Surgical, LLC(Project AL2023-026; CON 3048-ASC)

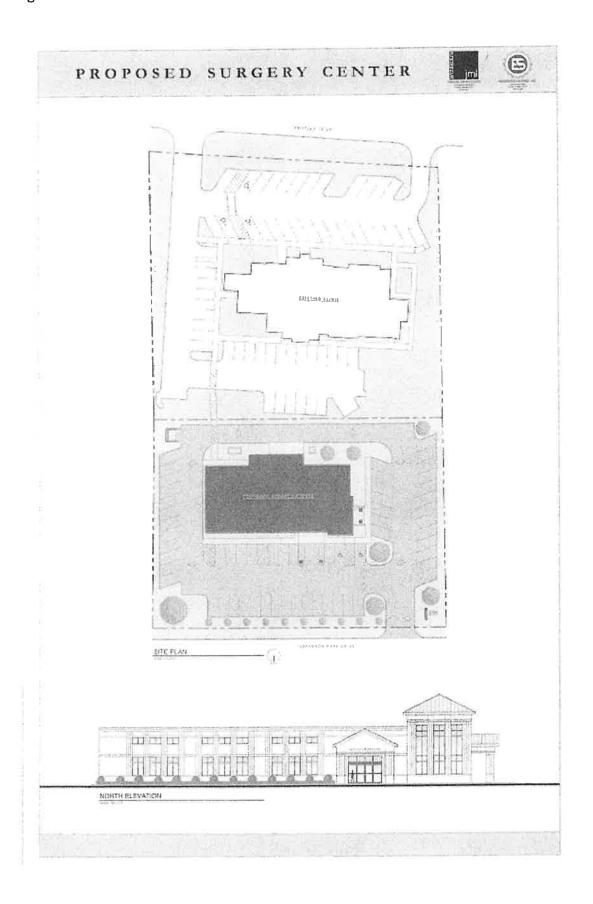
Dear Ms. Marsal:

We are writing to submit a reviewability determination request ("Request") in accordance with Section 410-1-7-.02 of the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency's ("SHPDA") certificate of need ("CON") program rules and regulations (the "Rules") with regard to the location of Southeast Alabama Surgical, LLC ("SAS ASC") which is located adjacent to Dr. Asha Voss' current women's health clinical practice, EstrogenicA, as set forth in the CON application for the above referenced project. The address of Dr. Voss' clinical practice, EstrogenicA, is 1458 Whatley Drive, Dothan, AL 36303 and this address was included in the CON application. The CON Application describes the adjacent location of the SAS ASC which is on land that has been owned by Dr. Voss for some time but was not at the time of the CON application assigned an address. The EstrogenicA practice and SAS ASC are connected by a walkway and in close proximity as described in the CON application.

Below is the description from the CON application as originally filed along with the site map of the property that was incorporated therein. See Project AL2023-026 CON Application, pgs. 4 and 22.

The proposed ASC will be led by Dr. Asha Voss, a Board certified OBGYN who has practiced in the Dothan. Alabama area for over 20 years, reflecting her commitment to the health and wellbeing of Houston County patients. The proposed ASC will be located directly adjacent to Dr. Voss's current women's health clinical practice. EstrogenicA, allowing patients ease of access to the facility. The ASC will include four pre-operative rooms, two operating rooms, a waiting room, and four post-operative rooms. It will be a women's health focused limited multi-specialty ASC that is a natural extension of Dr. Voss' OBGYN physician practice. The proposed Project ASC will provide female patients in both Houston County and surrounding counties (including those from outside of Alabama in surrounding Florida and Georgia Counties) a quality option for outpatient women's health focused surgeries and procedures in a non-hospital setting. The proposed ASC will be staffed by Dr. Voss, along with fellow surgeon Dr. Emily Peterson who is also currently a part of Dr. Voss's OBGYN physician practice, along with a highly qualified team of nurses and assistants who can provide continuity of care from Dr. Voss' OBGYN clinical practice to the ASC.

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Note: The Proposed ASC will be a one-story building. The apparent second story covers HVAC and related needs only.

In conjunction with the construction of the SAS ASC, an address was assigned to the property, and due to the SAS ASC entrance being on the road on the far side of the property opposite the EstrogenicA practice entrance, the following address has been assigned to the SAS ASC property (rather than a Whatley Road address): 107 Obrannan Park Drive, Dothan, AL 36303. This address is now assigned to the same parcel of land that Dr. Voss has owned and was described as the location in the CON Application for use by the SAS ASC as reflected above.

Specifically, we note that the actual physical location of the SAS ASC has not changed from what was described in and contemplated by the SAS ASC. The costs of this SAS ASC project are not changed nor are the services to be offered at the ASC, and this project as constructed reflects the establishment of the new ASC as described and approved in the CON application, without any relocation having occurred.

Further, the SAS ASC project does not involve the addition of inpatient beds or the conversion of one classification of beds into another classification of beds. Additionally, this change will not result in the provision of any new institutional health services not already approved by the SAS ASC CON.

Based on the foregoing information, we respectfully request that SHPDA grant a determination of non-reviewability for the SAS ASC project address update. An attestation from the requesting party is enclosed herein. In accordance with SHPDA Rule 410-1-7-.02, the filing fee of \$1,000.00 for this Letter of Non-Reviewability has been paid via the SHPDA electronic payment portal. Please do not hesitate to contact me at kristen.larremore@hklaw.com or (205) 226-5747 if you require any further information or have any questions.

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby makes oath or affirms that she is the President of the Southeast Alabama Surgical, LLC has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant: 🗾

Nathan Cumbie

President, Southeast Alabama Surgical

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this $\underline{\underline{\mu}}$ day of May, 2025.

Notary Public My commission expires: 9/15/2026

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