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September 23, 2010

Phyllis Powell, Assistant Director
Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
Certificate of Need Unit
Department of Health and Human Services
State House Station # 11
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

RE: Maine Medical Center
Bi-Plane Equipment Replacement
Letter of Intent Revised

Dear Ms. Powell:

Maine Medical Center (MMC) is notifying the Department of a subsequent revision to its proposed Bi-Plane Replacement, and is requesting a ruling from the Department regarding the applicability of the Certificate of Need Program to MMC's proposed capital expenditures to replace its bi-plane interventional radiology equipment.

In the original Letter of Intent (Linehan, Letter of Intent RE: Maine Medical Center – Replace Bi-Plane Interventional Radiology Equipment of September 25, 2009) and subsequent correspondence MMC stated that the Bi-Plane Equipment would be installed in space in the interventional radiology suite currently occupied by the interventional radiology reading room, workroom, and associated space. That information formed the basis for the Department's determination that the Bi-Plane Replacement was not subject to review. (Commissioner Harvey, RE: Maine Medical Center – Replace Bi-Plane Interventional Radiology Equipment, October 1, 2009)

Since then MMC has determined that the selected replacement Bi-Plane Equipment would not fit into that space. In addition MMC has approved its FY 2011 capital budget, which includes the replacement of Radiology's Single Plane Angiography equipment, which can function in that renovated space.

MMC is changing the sequence of its Radiology angiography equipment replacements. The Single-Plane Equipment will be replaced first and installed in the smaller room. The replacement Bi-Plane Equipment will then be installed in the current Single-Plane room once the older equipment is removed and the suite undergoes some minor renovations.

This approach will enable MMC to maintain a functioning Bi-Plane room supporting the state's only neuro-interventional service throughout the process. This is essential to the continued successful implementation of the MaineHealth regional stroke program since this equipment is the region's only neuro-interventional bi-plane angiography system.



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The minor renovations to the existing Single Plane room include floor and ceiling replacement, wall refinishing, and mechanical and electrical upgrades. These renovations are estimated to cost \$315,000.

The acquisition cost of the replacement Bi-Plane equipment remains \$1,900,000 which is below the review threshold of \$2 million for major medical equipment replacement; the capital expenditures for equipment acquisition and building renovations are below the \$3.1 million review threshold for capital expenditures.

If the Department determines that this project is subject to Certificate of Need review and approval, MMC respectfully requests that the Department deem the project to be qualified for the simplified review and approval process as described in the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002, 22 M.R.S.A. § 336 (5) regarding the replacement of major medical equipment.

I will be contacting you soon to arrange a meeting to discuss these capital expenditures and the Department's determination. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions; I may be reached by telephone at 207-662-2451 or by email at linehr@mmc.org.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Linehan
Director of Planning

Enclosures

RE: Maine Medical Center – Replace Bi-Plane Interventional Radiology Equipment – Letter of Intent, September 25, 2009

RE: Maine Medical Center - Bi-Plane Equipment Replacement - Letter of Intent - Request for additional information, October 1, 2009

Commissioner Harvey, RE: Maine Medical Center – Replace Bi-Plane Interventional Radiology Equipment, October 1, 2009

RE: Maine Medical Center – Single Plane Replacement – Letter of Notification, September 23, 2010