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RE: Letter of Intent—Maine Sleep Center at Chest Medicine Associates

Dear Ms. Powell:

This serves as a new Letter of Intent in accordance with the Certificate of Need Procedures Manual. The Maine Sleep Center at Chest Medicine Associates requests a determination from the Department regarding the applicability of the Certificate of Need to its proposal. It is our understanding that the Certificate of Need Act specifically excludes private health care practitioners in group practice from requiring a certificate of need. We are requesting that you confirm this exemption.

The Maine Sleep Center intends to increase its capacity for diagnostic testing of patients with sleep disorders from four (4) to six (6) rooms at its current facility at 100 Foden Road, South Portland. This project will involve utilization of currently configured space, and therefore, additional capital expenditures will be negligible. The third year incremental operating expenses for this increase in capacity are approximately \$367,000. Further, we also believe these costs are less than the thresholds associated with the Certificate of Need.

This proposal will facilitate more timely diagnosis and treatment of patients with sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, a serious medical condition with significant public health implications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (207) 828-1122 or gormas@mmc.org.

Sincerely yours,

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