

New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland

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

RE: New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland  
Minor Renovation Project  
Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Powell:

HealthSouth/Maine Medical Center, LLC dba New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland (NERH), is submitting this Letter of Intent to request a ruling from the Department regarding the applicability of the Certificate of Need Program to NERH's proposed Minor Renovation Project.

NERH proposes a Minor Renovation Project to its leased facility located on Maine Medical Center's Brighton Avenue campus in Portland, Maine. The estimated capital expenditure associated with this project is four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000). The preliminary estimated third year operating expenses are four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000).

NERH believes that this project is subject to review as described in the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002, 22 M.R.S.A. § 329. NERH intends to submit and certify as complete a Certificate of Need Application for the proposed project in time for the April 2009 hospital small project review cycle.

NERH also seeks to arrange a Technical Assistance Meeting within the next 30 days of this Letter of Intent as required by the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002, 22 M.R.S.A. § 337. The purposes of the Technical Assistance Meeting with the Department staff are to assist the Department in understanding the application and to receive technical assistance concerning the nature, extent and format of the documentary evidence, statistical data and financial data required for the Department to evaluate the proposal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached by telephone at (207) 662-8487.

Sincerely,



Amy Morse

Chief Executive Officer