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Certified, Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Ryan Pardo, Vice-President, Secretary
Liberty Dialysis – Alaska LLC
7650 SE 27th Street; Suite 200
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Mr. Pardo:

I have reviewed the certificate of need (CON) application for an 8-station dialysis facility in Soldotna, Alaska and declare the application to be complete. Your application will be reviewed concurrently with an application for similar services submitted by Fresenius Medical Care.

In accordance with AS 18.07.045(2) a staff analysis of the application and recommendation must be submitted to me by January 14, 2008 for a decision unless staff request, and I grant, an additional time, not to exceed 30 days. I have 45 days to make a decision after receipt of the staff recommendation unless I give written notice that additional information or analysis is required to reach a decision.

A public comment period is open for the next 30 days and written comments must be received by the department no later than 4:30pm on December 17, 2007. Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a public meeting to be held on Monday December 17, 2007 at the Kenai Borough Assembly Chambers, 144 N. Binkley Street, Soldotna Alaska. The hearing will be from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM and might be extended to accommodate those present before 6:30 PM who did not have an opportunity to comment.

Please note this is a change in date and location from the previous public meeting notice which was originally set for Thursday December 6, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator, at (907) 465-3001.

Sincerely,



Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Jean Stevens, Regional Vice-President, Fresenius Medical Care
David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator