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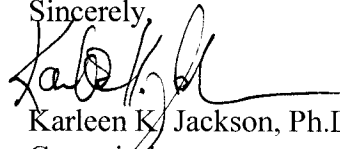
Dear Mr. Kuykendall:

Under the terms of A.S. 18.07.031-.111, the Department of Health and Social Services has completed the review and analysis of the certificate of need application to build a joint venture ambulatory surgery center in Anchorage. I have made the following decision after consideration of the findings and recommendations of the certificate of need analysis and State laws and regulations:

It has been determined that the Providence Alaska Medical Center and Advanced Pain Centers of Alaska - joint venture Certificate of Need application to build an Ambulatory Surgery Center in South Anchorage has not met the provisions of A.S. 18.07.031-111 and 7 AAC 07.010-130 to the satisfaction of the department and is therefore denied. There is currently excess surgery capacity in the region, and based on current data and recent trends, capacity is sufficient to meet increased demand for the next five years.

Under 7 AAC 07.080, if you are dissatisfied with my decision regarding this certificate of need, you are entitled to a hearing if I receive a written request no later than 30 days after you receive this notice. I have enclosed a copy of the project review document with findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,


Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

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