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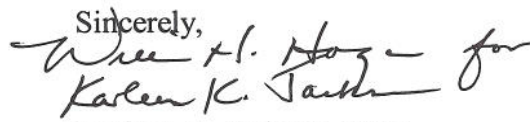
Dear Ms. Stevens:

The Certificate of Need Program staff has finished the completeness check for Fresenius Medical Care's certificate of need application for a 20-station dialysis facility in Anchorage, Alaska, and in accordance with 7 AAC 07.050 (b), I declare the application complete.

As you are aware, the Department of Health and Social Services has received a letter from Liberty Dialysis – Alaska LLC, stating their intent to submit a competing application for a similar activity in the same proposed service area as your project. Therefore, in accordance with 7 AAC 07.042(2)(B), Liberty Dialysis – Alaska LLC must now submit a full certificate of need application no later than 4:30 PM, Monday, August 20, 2007.

A public notice will be issued under 7 AAC 07.052 when the Liberty Dialysis – Alaska LLC certificate of need application is declared complete and the Department will then begin a concurrent review of both applications. The notice will also set a date for a public hearing regarding both applications and will announce the closing date for public comment. The staff review and recommendations must be submitted to the Commissioner within 60 days of the announcement of the beginning of the concurrent review and the Commissioner will have an additional 45 days to make a decision.

You will soon be contacted by Mr. David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator, regarding additional information you will need to provide the department to address the concurrent review standards applicable to your project. If you have any questions at this time, please contact Mr. Pierce by email at david_pierce@health.state.ak.us or by phone at (907) 465-3001.

Sincerely,

Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner