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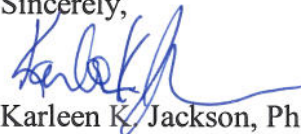
Dear Mr. Lamoureux:

I have reviewed Providence Alaska Medical Center's Certificate of Need (CON) application for expanding the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the addition of six NICU bassinets and declare the application to be complete. In accordance with AS 18.07.045(2) a staff analysis of the application and staff recommendation must be submitted to me for decision by 4:30 PM, Monday, November 26, 2007 unless staff request, and I grant, an additional period for review 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 4:30 p.m. on October 31, 2007. Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at the Frontier Building, Suite 880, 3601 "C" Street, Anchorage, Alaska. The hearing will be held 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.

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

Sincerely,



Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Jay Butler, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Pat Carr, Unit Manager, Planning and Infrastructure
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