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Certified, Return Receipt Requested

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Juneau Bone and Joint Center
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Dear Dr. Bursell:

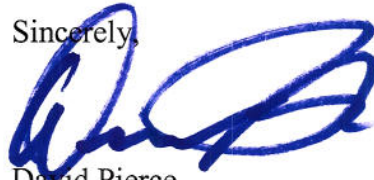
Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2008 requesting a determination of whether a certificate of need is required for the project described in your letter. In order to make an accurate determination, the Department is requesting the following additional information:

1. 7 AAC 07.031 requires a certified estimate of the total cost of the proposed activity. A certified estimate means an estimate developed by a professional architect or engineer licensed under AS 08.48, or by an individual who is qualified to estimate the cost of health care facility equipment, demolition, and construction. This cost estimate should detail all costs associated with a project including purchase of the building, demolition, remodeling, fixtures, equipment, legal fees, permitting fees, architectural fees, and any other related costs, and should include a statement and signature from the professional who provides the estimate. The list of each cost component is addressed in 7 AAC 07.010. Definitions for the chapter can be found in 7 AAC 07.900.
2. Your letter states the practice plans to operate a Class B ambulatory surgical suite. State Certification and Licensing for ambulatory surgical facilities cites 7 AAC 012.355 which requires laboratory, laundry, medical record, and radiological services. Please provide a floor plan complete with dimensions of the entire building that shows these services along with the surgical suite and accompanying patient waiting and recovery areas and the use of other areas of the building. Include square footages for each floor.

3. Finally, as outlined in 7 AAC 07.015, phased activities to avoid the requirements of a certificate of need are not allowed. Records show the Juneau Bone and Joint Center recently began providing MRI services. We are requesting associated costs for this service as well. Include current "as built" designs or design contracts for the building, a copy of the business plan and any long term plans for Juneau Bone and Joint Center, a list of owners and physicians in the practice, and information on who are the contractors and architects for any construction that has taken place on the building since it was purchased.

When this information is received a determination can be made by the Commissioner according to 7 AAC 07.031. If you have any questions you may contact me at 465-3001.

Sincerely,



David Pierce
Certificate of Need Coordinator

cc: Stacie Kraly, Assistant Attorney General