

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S DECISION
TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF NEED
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

In accordance with 7 AAC 07.060, the Department of Health and Social Services has conducted a comparative review of applications for the following projects: Providence Alaska Medical Center Proposed Emergency Department Expansion; Alaska Regional Hospital Proposed Establishment of Freestanding Emergency Departments. In accordance with 7 AAC 07.070, the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services has issued Certificate of Need approval, in part, for one of the applications, and denial for the other.

Summary of Decision: In accordance with AS 18.07 and 7 AAC 07, Providence Alaska Medical Center's request for a Certificate of Need (CON) for its Emergency Department Expansion Project is approved in part.

PAMC is authorized to construct eight emergency department treatment rooms at its Anchorage, Alaska facility. The rooms can be dedicated to general or pediatric emergency department treatment services. This approval is contingent on Commissioner review and approval of a revised budget, timeline, and project modifications from PAMC that meet the limitations set forth above. The revised project budget cannot exceed the proposed project cost of \$12,853,311. The revised budget, timeline, and project modifications must be submitted to the department within 60 days of the date of this decision. The signed CON will then be issued if and when the Commissioner approves the revised budget, timeline, and modifications for the project.

In accordance with AS 18.07 and 7 AAC 07, Alaska Regional Hospital's request for a CON for Establishment of two Free Standing Emergency Departments is denied.

An applicant whose application was denied in whole or in part by the Commissioner's decision may appeal that decision by requesting an administrative hearing in accordance with 7 AAC 07.080. Any member of the public who is substantially affected by activities authorized by this certificate of need may initiate an administrative hearing in accordance with 7 AAC 07.082. A request for hearing under 7 AAC 07.080 or 7 AAC 07.082 must be received by the department at the address below no later than 4:30pm on August 13, 2015.

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A copy of the decision and CON Staff Analysis will be available on the Certificate of Need website at <http://hss.state.ak.us/Apps/CertNeed/>. You can also contact Jared Kosin at (907) 334-2447 or jared.kosin@alaska.gov for a copy of the decision and CON Staff Analysis.

DATE: July 14, 2015
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Valerie Davidson
Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services