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Certified, Return Receipt Requested

Bruce Lamoureux, Administrator Providence Alaska Medical Center PO Box 196604 Anchorage, AK 99519-6604

Dear Mr. Lamoureux:

I have reviewed Providence Alaska Medical Center's Certificate of Need (CON) application for the addition of two catheterization laboratories and declare the application to be complete. Your application will be reviewed concurrently with an application for similar services submitted by Alaska Regional Hospital. In accordance with AS 18.07.045(2) a staff analysis of the application and staff recommendation must be submitted to me by April 3, 2007 for a decision 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 March 5, 2007. Oral or written comments may also be submitted at a public meeting to be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at the Frontier Building, Suite 890, 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: Jordan Herget, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Regional Hospital

Anthony Lombardo, Deputy Commissioner

Pat Carr, Unit Manager, Planning and Infrastructure

David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator