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## **Certified, Return Receipt Requested**

Lawrence Stinson, MD  
Advanced Pain Centers of Alaska  
1917 Abbott Road, Suite 100  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Dear Dr. Stinson:

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 2010 regarding the determination of whether a certificate of need (CON) is required for the construction of a one surgical suite licensed surgical center at 1917 Abbott Road in Anchorage.

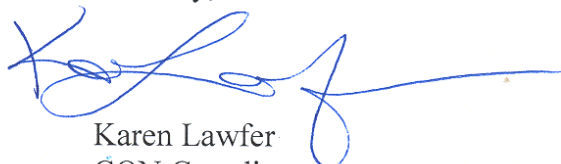
I have, after review of the cost estimates provide in your letter, determined that a CON is not required under 7 AAC 07.031 based on the following information:

1. The proposed surgical center is reviewable by the CON program if the cost of the project exceeds the \$1.35 million dollar threshold under AS 18.07.031;
2. A certified cost estimate for the project was provided by WEL Designs PLC, dated October 11, 2010. The total cost estimate provided of \$1,027,046 is below the current threshold that requires submission of a CON application under AS 18.07.031.

If plans change regarding the size, number of surgical suites, or scope of service, or if costs related to the construction of the surgical center total more than the current CON threshold, this office must be notified as a Certificate of Need may be required.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination you may request reconsideration under 7 AAC 07.033. An appeal or request for determination must be postmarked no later than 30 days after publication of the public notice.

Sincerely,



Karen Lawfer  
CON Coordinator