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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 21, 2006

**TO:** Karleen Jackson, PhD, Commissioner, DHSS

**THRU:** Anthony Lombardo, Deputy Commissioner, DHSS *ful*

**THRU:** Pat Carr, Chief, Health Planning and Systems Development *PC*

**FROM:** Alice Rarig, PhD, Health Planning Team Manager, HPSD *AR*

**SUBJECT:** Request to extend the CON Review Deadline for Providence Seward LTC

Under AS 18.07.045(b)(2) I am requesting a 30-day time extension to complete the review of the Seward/Providence Wesley Care Center CON application for a 40-bed replacement facility. The current timeline requires the application to be completed and in the Commissioner's office by Sunday, December 24, 2006. The review deadline needs to be extended because staff were inundated with additional work regarding the appeals of CON decisions for the projects in Fairbanks, Wasilla, and Anchorage, including requests for interrogatories and document production, and one staff member was sick at a critical time. The 30-day extension would end January 24, 2007. This project has several issues that need clarifying including comments from Medicaid staff that the cost is significantly higher than the current highest nursing home and will add more than \$2 million annually to Medicaid costs. There are also questions about the new location further away from the hospital being the best plan, and whether they intend to build a new hospital attached to the new nursing home as well. This delay is not expected to have a negative effect upon the project since it would not likely delay construction, and we expect the delay will not take up the full 30-day period.

*15 DAY EXTENSION APPROVED Jan 8*

EXTENSION APPROVED       EXTENSION DENIED

*Karleen Jackson*  
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Karleen Jackson, PhD, Commissioner

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