

February 15, 2006

Ms. Karleen Jackson, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110601
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0801

Dear Commissioner Jackson:

Providence Alaska Medical Center and the nine individual physicians in the joint venture for the ambulatory surgery center in south Anchorage respectfully request a hearing in accordance with 7 ACC 07.080 to appeal your decision of January 19, 2006, regarding our Certificate of Need application.

We believe that we met all the applicable standards and would appreciate the opportunity to explain several points that may make a difference in the conclusion you reached. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

/s/

Susan Humphrey-Barnett
Area Operations Administrator
Providence Health System Alaska