

## Department of Health and Social Services

Division of Health Care Services Certificate of Need Program

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March 14, 2013

Certified, Return Receipt Requested #7007 0710 0000 1695 2210 David Kondas
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Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Mr. Kondas,

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 2012 and subsequent correspondence regarding the request for determination of whether a certificate of need (CON) is required for the construction and addition of a mobile Positron Emission Tomography and Computed Tomography (PET/CT) unit at 4100 Lake Otis Parkway in Anchorage, Alaska.

I have, after review of the cost estimates and the information provided by your organization, determined that a CON is not required based on the following information:

 The addition of a PET/CT unit operated by Diagnostic Health Anchorage is reviewable by the CON program if the cost of the project exceeds the dollar threshold under AS 18.07.031.

2. Certified cost estimates for the project total \$389,968. This is based on the \$365,000 cost estimate provided by Nationwide Imaging Services, Inc for the PET/CT unit and site improvements of \$24,968 to allow for operation of the unit.

3. This cost estimate does not include the use of Diagnostic Health Anchorage's shielded area and restroom, which will be used for PET/CT patients to incubate following procedures and for use by other patients when no PET/CT procedures are scheduled. Based on property value for 4100 Lake Otis Parkway, this additional facility expense (estimated at no more than \$61,000) will not put the project over the current threshold of \$1,400,000 that requires submission of a CON application under AS 18.07.031.

If the project changes regarding the size, scope of services provided, or costs related to the PET/CT unit or site improvements, this office should be notified as a CON may be required.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Lawfer

**CON Coordinator**