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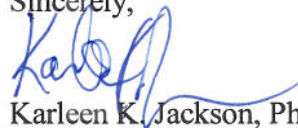
Mr. David Pierce
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Dear Mr. Pierce:

I understand that before you can submit to me the analysis of the South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Certificate of Need application, you need additional time for consultation with the Department of Law. I also understand that additional time is needed because of the difficulty of reviewing this particular SPH application and due to the extraordinary demands being placed on both you and the Department of Law to address the range of certificate of need matters.

The staff analysis was originally due to me by close-of-business Monday, October 1, 2007. In accordance with AS 18.07.045(b), a 15-day extension is granted and the review is now due to me no later than close-of-business, Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

Sincerely,



Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.
Commissioner

cc: Stacie Kraly, Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska
Rebecca Polizzotto, Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska
Kevin Henderson, Medical Assistance Administrator, DHSS
Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney, Kenai Peninsula Borough
Charles C. Franz, Interim Administrator, South Peninsula Hospital