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Dear Commissioner Jackson,

I am writing in response to your correspondence dated April 4, 2006, concerning health care development in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.

Providence Health and Services in Alaska is currently constructing a 6,400 square foot medical office building on land we presently own. The construction site is located at 2280 South Woodworth Loop in Wasilla. Construction began in December of 2005, and we expect to complete construction by the end of May, 2006. The building will be utilized solely as medical office space through a lease or leases to private physicians.

As you note in your letter, AS 18.07.111 (8) limits the scope of covered facilities subject to Certificate of Need requirements. Medical office buildings utilized for physician office space are not included in Alaska's Certificate of Need statute.

Providence is currently leasing the entire structure to Imaging Associates of Providence, L.L.C. ("IAP"), a radiology group practice office. Providence does have an investment interest in the entity, but its management is separate from our organization.

It appears to me that your questions are more appropriately answered by IAP, particularly concerning any improvements or equipment installed at the site. The medical group can be contacted via their medical director, Dr. Chakri Inampudi. His contact information is:

3427 East Tudor Road, Suite A
Anchorage, AK 99507
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To expedite their response, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to IAP. If I can provide any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

E. Al Parrish, Chief Executive, Alaska Region
Providence Health & Services

Cc: Chakri Inampudi, M.D.

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