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**Certified, Return Receipt Requested**

Jean Stevens, Regional Vice President  
Fresenius Pacific Northwest  
2121 SW Broadway, Suite 111  
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Ms. Stevens:

I have received the staff analysis and additional information for the proposed addition of kidney dialysis capacity in the Anchorage service area. In accordance with AS 18.07.031-111 and 7 AAC 07.010-130, I have determined that the application has met the applicable criteria to approve a 12-station dialysis facility to the satisfaction of the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

Fresenius Medical Care is authorized to spend a total of \$1,934,159 to build out leased space and purchase equipment for a 6,500 square foot, 12-station dialysis center located in Anchorage. The applicant is approved to build the space for 20 stations, on condition that the applicant will inform the Department when it intends to add up to eight additional stations to the twelve approved, when it can be demonstrated that use of existing Anchorage dialysis facilities has reached 80% of capacity for a year. The approved project completion date is December 31, 2008.

Under 7 AAC 07.080, any person substantially affected and dissatisfied with my decision regarding this Certificate of Need application is entitled to a hearing if I receive a written request no later than 4:30 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 2008. I have enclosed the Certificate authorizing expenditures for the project and a copy of the review document with recommendations.

Sincerely,



Karleen K. Jackson, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Health and Social Services

cc: Beverly Wooley, Director, Division of Public Health  
Pat Carr, Chief, Health Planning and Systems Development  
David Pierce, Certificate of Need Coordinator