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Certified, Return Receipt Requested

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Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2008, requesting a determination of whether a certificate of need is required for Alaska Regional Hospital to purchase of Alaska Open Imaging Centers in Wasilla, Soldotna, and Anchorage, and the purchase and relocation of an MRI unit from Fairbanks to Wasilla.

In order to make an accurate determination with regard to your request we need to verify the cost of the assets that Alaska Regional Hospital is purchasing from the Alaska Open Imaging Fairbanks facility. Therefore under 7 AAC 07.031(b)(2), the Department requests submission of a certified estimate of the total cost of all equipment that will be purchased from the Fairbanks facility and the cost of relocation, renovation, and installation of the MRI and any other equipment in Wasilla. A certified estimate means an estimate developed by a professional architect or engineer licensed under AS 08.48, or by an individual who is qualified to estimate the cost of health care facility equipment, moving expenses, and renovation costs.

The list of each cost component is addressed in 7 AAC 07.010 and definitions for the chapter can be found in 7 AAC 07.900.

When this information is received, a determination can be made by the Commissioner according to 7 AAC 07.031.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 465-8616.

Sincerely,



Karen Lawfer, Health Planner II
Certificate of Need Program