

**NOTICE OF DECISION ON REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF WHETHER
A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS REQUIRED
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

In accordance with 7 AAC 07.031, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has determined that a certificate of need is not required for the health care project or activity described below:

Project/Activity: Alaska Spine Center (ASC) requests a formal determination as to whether a certificate of need (CON) is necessary for a proposed relocation of their surgery center. Alaska Spine Center intends to relocate from their location in Anchorage to a location within the same service area; Wasilla. The facility will be located approximately seven miles from the intersection of South Seward Meridian Parkway and George Parks Highway. ASC intends to perform general surgery services and will provide these services with three operating rooms. They currently have three Class A operating rooms and intend to have three Class C operating rooms in the new facility in Wasilla. ASC expects to spend in excess of \$1.5 million dollars and expects the project to be finalized within twelve months.

Applicant's Name: Alaska Spine Center

Project/Activity Service Area: Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska

Summary of Decision: In accordance with A.S. 18.07.031(c), a person who is lawfully operating a health care facility that is an ambulatory surgical facility at a site may make an expenditure of any amount in order to relocate the services of that facility to a new site in the same community without obtaining a certificate of need as long as neither the bed capacity nor the number of categories of health services provided at the new site is greater.

After review of the proposed relocation, it has been determined that a CON is not required for the proposed project because neither the bed capacity nor the number of categories of health services provided at the new site is greater.

Copies of the request for determination and this decision are available on the Certificate of Need website at: <http://hss.state.ak.us/Apps/CertNeed/>. Copies may also be obtained by contacting the certificate of need program coordinator by mail, phone, FAX, or email as follows:

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A person who requested a determination under 7 AAC 07.031 may seek reconsideration of the determination by submitting a written request for reconsideration to the department. A request for reconsideration must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2016 and be made in conformance with 7 AAC 07.033. A decision under 7 AAC 07.033 constitutes the final administrative decision of the department.

DATE: October 20, 2016
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Alexandria Hicks
Certificate of Need Program Coordinator