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Ms. Lisa Wolf
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Re: Certificate of Need Appeal – Joint Venture Ambulatory Surgery Center

Dear Ms. Wolf:

The State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services (“Department”) has received the request for appeal filed by Ms. Susan Humphrey-Barnett on behalf of Providence Alaska Medical Center and the nine individual physicians in the joint venture for the ambulatory surgery center in south Anchorage (“Providence”). Accordingly, Providence’s request for appeal has been referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for assignment by the Chief Administrative Law Judge. A copy of the referral is enclosed for your files.

I am the Assistant Attorney General assigned to represent the Department in this appeal. Please direct all communications regarding this matter to me at (907) 465-3600 or stacie_kraly@law.state.ak.us.

Sincerely,

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