

**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: Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC) plans to add breast biopsy services including, without limitation, needle localization core surgical biopsy to their existing surgical services available to PAMC patients on an outpatient basis. Estimated start date of the proposed activity is October 1, 2016 and the estimated completion of the project is December 31, 2016. PAMC plans on providing services beginning January 1, 2017.

Applicant's Name: Providence Health Services Alaska

Project/Activity Service Area: Anchorage, Alaska

Estimated Cost of Project/Activity: \$779,824

Summary of Decision: In accordance with A.S. 18.07.031-111 and 7 AAC 07.001-900, and after review of the information submitted with the request for determination, it has been determined that a CON is not required for the proposed project because the expenditures at issue do not exceed the \$1.5 million statutory threshold under AS 18.07.031. Additionally, there is no change in bed count or capacity or in category of service provided.

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: September 15, 2016
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Alexandria Hicks
Certificate of Need Program Coordinator