

**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 Seward Medical and Care Center (PSMCC) is requesting a determination in accordance with 7 AAC 07.031 as to whether expanding the hospital's existing footprint by adding 3,036 square feet of shelled-in space requires a Certificate of Need. The construction is planned to begin in October of 2015 and the estimated completion date of the project is August 31, 2018.

Applicant's Name: Providence Seward Medical & Care Center

Project/Activity Service Area: Seward, Alaska

Estimated Cost of Project/Activity: \$1,366,331

Summary of Decision:

PSMCC's proposed project to expand its hospital's footprint by adding 3,036 additional space, which has a PSMCC borne, certified cost estimate of \$1,366,331, is below the \$1.5 million statutory threshold per AS 18.07.031. Since the project is below the CON statutory threshold, the applicable portion of the joint PSMCC and SCHC proposed project does not require a CON. However, any shelled-in space developed by PSMCC in the future, regardless of time elapsed between the current phase of development and the next phase, will be subject to Certificate of Need review.

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 June 22, 2015 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: May 21, 2015
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Alexandria Hicks, Certificate of Need Program Coordinator