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Via E-mail noverson@bartlettospital.org

Ms. Alexandria Hicks
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Re: Bartlett Regional Hospital
Request for Determination Regarding ED Remodel

Dear Ms. Hicks:

Consistent with 7 AAC 07.031, please accept this letter as a request for a determination of reviewability for the project described below.

This request is being submitted by Bartlett Regional Hospital, an enterprise division of the City and Borough of Juneau ("Bartlett"). Bartlett is remodeling its existing Emergency Department: the location will not change, and neither will the number of general treatment rooms, 3,900 square feet will be added to the existing structure where the current ambulance bay is located, and a new ambulance bay will be added.

Changes to the current layout will make workflow and patient flow safer and more efficient. Environment of care/ infection control measures will be part of the updated infrastructure. A key impetus for the remodel, is to assure that the Emergency Department has the needed air pressure relationships in the appropriate patient rooms. Bartlett believes that having updated patient care and treatment areas, that meet current infection control and prevention standards, will not only allow Bartlett to better care for and manage patient's needs, but also reduce the likelihood of infectious disease transmission. This will result in a safer environment for patients, visitors and staff.

This table details the current and post remodeled treatment room configuration.

Rooms	Current	Post- Remodel
General treatment rooms		
Exam Neutral Pressure	5	0
Exam Negative Pressure	0	5
Trauma Positive Pressure	3	3
Sub- Total General Treatment Rooms	8	8
Specialty Rooms		
Triage Negative Pressure	1	2
Airborne Infectious Isolation (AII)	0	1
Behavioral Health Safe Room	1	2
Resuscitation Negative Pressure	0	1
Ear Nose Throat (ENT)	1	0
Cast	1	1
Suture	1	1
Total	13	16

Bartlett estimates that the cost of the proposed project at approximately \$17.4 million (including a reasonable contingency reserve), broken down as follows:

Estimated construction total at completion:	\$10,214,420
Estimated total project costs	\$7,192,580
(includes design fees, furnishings and equipment etc.)	
TOTAL	<u>\$17,407,000</u>

Alaska Statute 18.07.031 reads in part:

a) A person may not make an expenditure of \$1,000,000 or more for any of the following unless authorized under the terms of a certificate of need issued by the department:

- (1) construction of a health care facility;
- (2) alteration of the bed capacity of a health care facility; or
- (3) addition of a category of health services provided by a health care facility.

The pertinent sections of AS 18.07.111 provide the following definition:

- (1) "category of health services" means a major type, program, unit, division, or department of care provided through a health care facility, whether inpatient or outpatient, including an outpatient department, psychiatric wing, kidney dialysis program, radiotherapy, burn unit, or newborn intensive care unit, except that "service" does not include the lawful practice of a profession or vocation conducted independently of a health care facility and in accordance with applicable licensing laws of the state;

Related to (1), Bartlett is not adding a new service category; rather we are providing a superior, safer care environment for Emergency Department patients, visitors and staff. The hospital's medical/surgical care bed capacity is not impacted by this project.

I am asking that Bartlett have the opportunity to conference to answer any questions before a determination is made. We very appreciate your attention in this matter of importance to our community.

Sincerely,

Nathan Overson, CHC
Director, Compliance/Risk

Attachment:
BRH ED Expansion - Option G Plans
BRH ED Expansion - Option G Description