

**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: Arctic Surgery Center, LLC seeks to establish an ambulatory surgery center with one Class C operating room in Anchorage, Alaska. The total project costs are estimated to be \$1,485,992. The ambulatory surgery center will occupy approximately 3,200 square feet (SF).

Applicant's Name: Artic Surgery Center, LLC

Project/Activity Service Area: Anchorage, Alaska

Estimated Cost of Project/Activity: \$1,485,992

Summary of Decision:

Artic Surgery Center, LLC's proposed project seeks to establish an ambulatory surgery center that will occupy 3,200 SF. The project has a cost estimate of \$1,485,992, which is below the \$1.5 million statutory threshold per AS 18.07.031. Since the project is below the CON statutory threshold, and there is no issue concerning a "divided or phased activity", the proposed project does not require a CON. However, the Department does caution the Artic Surgery Center, LLC that if it seeks to convert additional space or expand its operations with additional procedure rooms or operating rooms in the future, that action would be considered a phased activity at that time under 7 AAC 07.025(d).

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 July 6, 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: June 4, 2015
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Alexandria Hicks, Certificate of Need Program Coordinator