



March 17, 2026

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RE: Request for Determination, dated March 2, 2026

Dear Ms. Joseph,

In a letter dated March 2, 2026, Alaska Heart and Vascular Institute (AHVI) requested a determination pursuant to 7 AAC 07.031 regarding whether a Certificate of Need (CON) is required for its proposed project. The project includes: (1) expanding ambulatory surgery operations from one day per week to two days per week; (2) replacing end-of-life image guided therapy equipment with a current model; and (3) completing associated structural upgrades and maintenance to the existing space.

As described in the request and supporting documentation, the proposed equipment replacement is necessary due to obsolescence and will involve limited remodeling of the space to accommodate the updated system. AHVI represents that the project will not increase or alter the scope of services currently provided, that the replacement equipment does not introduce significant new technological capabilities, and that the facility's total square footage will remain unchanged following completion of the proposed work.

Although the total estimated project cost is approximately \$2.9 million, exceeding the \$1.5 million statutory threshold, the expenditures associated with this project are exempt from CON review pursuant to 7 AAC 07.010(h)(5)(B), which provides that "remodeling" does not include routine maintenance or the routine replacement of equipment for purposes of determining whether a certificate of need is required.

Accordingly, pursuant to 7 AAC 07.031, it is hereby determined that a Certificate of Need is not required under AS 18.07.031 for Alaska Heart and Vascular Institute, d/b/a Alaska Cardiovascular Surgery Center, for the proposed project.

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Sincerely,

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