

**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: South Peninsula Hospital requests a formal determination as to whether a certificate of need (CON) is necessary for the proposed replacement and maintenance of the existing HVAC system for its operating rooms. The existing HVAC system is 40 years old and does not meet current standards, nor does it provide control of room temperature, humidity levels and air exchange necessary to accommodate the current surgery load. Project start date is estimated to be January, 2017, and project end date is estimated to be August, 2017.

Estimated cost of the project: \$1,632,052

Applicant's Name: South Peninsula Hospital

Project/Activity Service Area: Homer, Alaska

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 and costs associated with routine maintenance and replacement of equipment are not considered when evaluating expenditures for an existing health care facility.

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: November 28, 2016
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/Alexandria Hicks
Certificate of Need Program Coordinator