



DIALYSIS CLINIC, INC.

A Non-Profit Corporation

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December 29, 2008

Ms. Phyllis Powell
Bureau of Elder and Adult Services
Department of Health and Human Services
442 Civic Center Drive
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

Dear Ms. Powell:

Please accept this correspondence as a Letter of Intent and a request for a ruling from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the applicability of Certificate of Need.

Dialysis Clinic, Inc. DCI Belfast proposes to move literally across the street to 119 Northport Ave. in an area this is currently parking for Waldo County Community Health Services. Waldo County General Hospital is planning construction of a new building and has offered DCI to relocate there.

DCI would like to increase the clinic from a six chair clinic to a twelve chair clinic. We estimate the total capital expenditure for the project will not exceed \$200,000.00 for dialysis machines, dialysis chairs, water treatment system, concentrate storage tanks and bicarbonate delivery system. The proposed will increase our capacity and accommodate traveling patients. Since opening six days a week in October of 2007 our census has increased 10%.

Depreciation expense for the new equipment and additional rent expense will result in an incremental third year operating cost of approximately \$88,000.

DCI does not anticipate any increase in supply costs or transportation costs. We are currently staffed for a clinic of this size so we do not anticipate an increase in the cost of staffing. We want to offer the dialysis community all the same amenities that they currently enjoy in a larger more modern building. Our goal is to continue to provide exceptional care to this community without increasing costs to the patients, city or state. If required, an application will be submitted within sixty days from the date notification is received from DHHS.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I may be reached at 207-338-1170 or 207-474-6002. My email address is betty.shaw@dciinc.org. My address is:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Jo Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Jo Shaw
Clinic Administrator