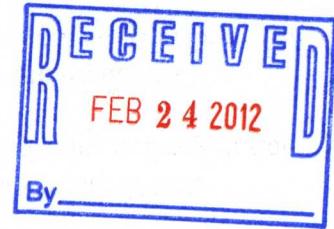




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RE: Sebasticoov Valley Health Master Facility Plan - Not Subject to Review Request

Dear Ms. Powell,

With this letter Sebasticoov Valley Health (SVH) is seeking a determination that SVH's inpatient renovation project is non-reviewable under the certificate of need rules and regulations.

The estimated capital costs for the project is \$9.5 million. Third year incremental cost, comprised of primarily of depreciation, interest and utility expenses, is estimated at \$1,097,000.

In 2010-2011 SVH conducted an extensive review of its facility and the needs of the community we serve. A principle element of our plan is the modernization of our inpatient unit. The unit was built in 1963. The current configuration consists of 2 SCU rooms, 22 beds in semi-private rooms and 1 bed in a private room. There is only one bathroom per two-semi-private rooms; there can be four patients sharing each toilet. Our modernization plan will allow SVH to provide care with improved patient safety and confidentiality. The main components of the project are the addition of new inpatient rooms and the renovation of existing inpatient rooms. The result will be 15 private rooms and 5 larger rooms that can serve as semi-private rooms as census warrants while still providing each patient with their own bathroom.

SVH plans to begin construction in the May or June of 2012. The project will take eighteen months to complete.

Per Chapter 424 signed June 7, 2011 and effective Feb. 15, 2012, a CON is required for "the obligation by or on behalf of a new or existing health care facility of any capital expenditure of \$10,000,000 or more". Since SVH's inpatient renovation project is under the \$10M threshold, we are seeking confirmation from your office that this project does not require CON approval.

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Please advise us in writing of the CON applicability of this proposal as described above.

Please contact Randy Clark, Chief Financial Officer at 487-4022 with questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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President and Chief Executive Officer