



Fresenius Medical Care

January 6, 2014

**Certificate of Need Office
Attention: Larry D. Carbonneau
Senior Health Care Financial Analyst
Department of Health & Human Services
41 Anthony Ave
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011**

Dear Mr. Carbonneau,

Casco Bay Dialysis Center located in Westbrook, Maine is planning on relocating the facility in another part of the City of Westbrook. Currently, Casco Bay is a 20 station out-patient dialysis unit that offers out-patient hemodialysis and home dialysis to the patients in the surrounding communities. The facility opened in 1999.

I have reviewed the Maine Certificate of Need Procedure Manual dated April 11, 2012, and it is unclear if this project is subject to review where it is not a new health service and we are under the current expenditure thresholds. There is no transfer of ownership or acquisitions of medical equipment. We are increasing the existing licensed bed/station capacity by one. The total capital costs are estimated at \$1,755,124.00.

This project will not impact our overall operating costs. And it will not include additional staffing.

Please let me know if you need more information and/or concerns.

I can be reached at the numbers below, and/or via my cell phone at 207-838-9293, or via e-mail at betsy.shiers@fmc-na.com

Sincerely,

**Betsy Shiers
Director of Operations**

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