

Alabama CON Report

CON Review Board Meeting May 15, 2024

I. Certificate of Need Program

A. Contested Case

AL2023-021, Affinity Hospital, LLC d/b/a Grandview Medical Center, Hoover, AL: Proposes to establish a Freestanding Emergency Department (FED) in the city of Hoover, Shelby County, Alabama. The proposed FED will operate as an extension and part of Grandview Medical Center, an existing four hundred thirty-four (434) bed acute care hospital in Jefferson County, Alabama. Opposition: BBH SBMC, LLC d/b/a Shelby Baptist Medical Center and St. Vincent's Birmingham filed 7/17/2023 and 7/24/2023, respectively. Contested case requested 7/24/2023 and 7/25/2023. ALJ was assigned 7/31/2023. ALJ's recommended order was filed 2/27/2024. Exceptions were filed 3/4/2024.

The Certificate of Need Review Board adopted the administrative law judge's recommended order and approved the project.

B. Project Modification

AL2023-013, Birmingham Operations, LLC d/b/a Harmony at Birmingham, Jefferson County, AL: The applicant seeks a relocation of the senior living community, which includes a thirty-two (32) bed SCALF in the city of Trussville, Jefferson County, Alabama, due to difficulties with the existing site. Opposition: None.

Approved.

C. AL2024-005, QHG of Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Medical Center Enterprise, Coffee County, AL: Proposes to convert five (5) acute care beds to swing beds at its existing general acute care hospital that currently operates ten (10) swing beds in the city of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama. Opposition: None.

Approved.

For Informational Purposes Only:

The next project has been placed on the agenda for informational purposes only. No vote is required as "the recommended order of the Administrative Law Judge becomes the final order of the Agency when no exceptions have been filed." The project was approved, and no exceptions were filed.

Contested Case:

AL2023-028, Affinity Hospital, LLC d/b/a Grandview Medical Center, Birmingham, AL: Proposes the addition of thirty-five (35) general acute care beds to their existing four hundred and thirty-four (434)



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beds, increasing its total licensed bed capacity to four hundred and sixty-nine (469) beds at its existing hospital in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama. Opposition: BBH PBMC, LLC d/b/a Brookwood Baptist Medical Center. Request for contested case filed by applicant on 11/13/2023 and by the opposition on 11/17/2023. ALJ was assigned 11/20/2023. ALJ's recommended order was filed 4/23/2024 approving the project. Brookwood withdrew opposition 4/29/2024. No exceptions were filed.

II. Reviewability Determinations and Pending Reviewability Determinations

A. Reviewability Determinations:

RV2024-008, Spencer Recovery Centers, Inc., proposes to establish and operate a residential mental health treatment center in Chambers County. **Status: Reviewable.**

RV2024-010R, The Health Care Authority of the City of Eufaula d/b/a Medical Center Barbour, proposes to convert status to a critical access hospital. Status: Non-Reviewable.

RV2024-011, Hospice of North Alabama, LLC, proposes to establish a branch office in Cullman County. **Status: Non-Reviewable.**

RV2024-016R, Professional Resource Management, Inc. d/b/a Bullock County Hospital, proposes to convert Bullock County Hospital from a general acute care hospital to a rural emergency hospital (REH). Status: Non-Reviewable.

RV2024-017, DVA Renal Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Red Mountain Home Training Dialysis, proposes to provide home dialysis services on site in a dialysis den at The Healthcare Center of Buck Creek to residents of the Buck Creek Facility. **Status: Non-Reviewable.**

B. Pending Reviewability Determinations:

RV2024-009, The Healthcare Authority for Baptist Health d/b/a Baptist Medical Center South, proposes to operate an outpatient dialysis department with two dialysis bays to treat hemodialysis dependent patients who are oxygen dependent tracheostomy patients, new hemodialysis patients awaiting insurance approval, undocumented hemodialysis patients awaiting charity sponsorship at a clinic, and other complex cases on a transitional basis in Montgomery County. **Status: Pending.**

RV2024-013, P4 Physical Therapy, LP – Athens, proposes to add the services of an occupational therapist to its existing facility. **Status: Pending.**



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RV2024-014, P4 Physical Therapy, LP – Gardendale, proposes to add the services of an occupational therapist to its existing facility. **Status: Pending.**

RV2024-015, P4 Physical Therapy, LP – Jemison, proposes to add the services of an occupational therapist to its existing facility. **Status: Pending.**

RV2024-018, USA Health Providence Hospital, proposes to add extracorporeal oxygenation (ECMO) to its existing heart and lung services. **Status: Pending.**

RV2024-019, Fresenius Medical Care Birmingham Home, proposes to provide home dialysis services on site at Arabella Health & Wellness of Birmingham by Fresenius Medical Care Birmingham Home to residents of the Arabella facility. **Status: Pending.**

RV2024-020R, Geneva County Health Care Authority, Inc. d/b/a Wiregrass Medical Center, proposes to convert its status to a critical access hospital. Status: Pending.

The next CON Review Board meeting will be held on June 19, 2024.