

Alabama CON Report

March 18, 2020

- I. Certificate of Need Program
- A. AL2020-042, The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, AL: Proposes to expand the hospital by adding fifty (50) beds to its current 1,157 bed facility for a total of 1,207 inpatient beds pursuant to section 410-2-4-.02(5), Bed Availability Assurance for Acute Care (Hospitals). Opposition: None.

Approved.

B. AL2021-006, Leoti Dialysis, LLC, d/b/a Patton Creek Dialysis, Jefferson County, AL: Proposes to construct and operate a new fourteen (14) station, state-of-the-art end stage renal disease (ESRD) facility comprised of thirteen (13) in-center hemodialysis stations and one (1) isolation station. Opposition: None

Approved.

C. Emergency Request, AL2021-017-E, Cullman Regional Medical Center, Cullman, AL: Proposes to request emergency approval of thirty (30) acute care beds with immediate approval to utilize its observation rooms to temporarily house the additional beds pursuant to the Bed Availability Rule, 410-2-4-.02 Acute Care (Hospitals) Section (5). Opposition: None

Approved.

- II. Reviewability Determinations and Pending Reviewability Determinations
- A. Reviewability Determinations:

RV2021-003, The Heart Center Cardiology, proposes to perform low-risk peripheral angiography and interventional procedures, left and right diagnostic heart catheterizations-coronary angiography, elective internal cardiac defibrillator (ICD) and planned pacemaker generator changes, low-risk ICD and pacemaker implantation, implantable lop recorder insertion, direct current cardioversion, infusaport placement, transesophageal echocardiography, pulmonary artery pressure recording devices and low-risk atrial, ventricular and nodal ablation procedures within this private practice. **Status: Non-Reviewable**

RV2021-004, Affinity Healthcare Services, Inc., d/b/a Affinity Home Hospice Services, proposes to establish a hospice branch office in Pell City, St. Clair County, which is located within the service area the agency is permitted to serve pursuant to CON-2323-HPC. **Status: Non-Reviewable**

RV2021-005, Techota, LLC, d/b/a CV Home Health of Bibb County, proposes to add a drop site in Tuscaloosa County. This request does not include any new or additional services or personnel. Status: Non-Reviewable

RV2021-006, Home Choice of Alabama, Inc., d/b/a Springhill Home Health and Hospice, proposes to relocate their administrative office to another site within Mobile County. Status: Non-Reviewable



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RV2021-007, Sereno Ridge Recovery, proposes that the operation of an immersive twelve (12) step addiction recovery program to guests staying at the lodge owned and operated by applicant does not involve the provision of "institutional health services" as defined in Ala. Code 22-21-260. **Status: Non-Reviewable**

RV2021-008, Comfort Care Home Health Services, LLC, proposes to establish a drop site in Cullman County where they currently have contiguous county authority to provide services. Status: Non-Reviewable

B. Pending Reviewability Determinations

RV2020-024, **Alabama Home Health Care Providers**, proposes to provide home health services in Etowah, Talladega, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall, and Madison counties in Alabama. **Status: Pending**

RV2021-009, The Healthcare Authority of Winfield, Alabama, d/b/a Northwest Medical Center, proposes to expand its Emergency Department's capacity from six (6) to ten (10) examination rooms and will be accomplished at a cost that will not exceed current regulatory thresholds for CON review. **Status: Pending**

RV2021-010, Strafford Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a ExpectCare Hospice, proposes to open a hospice branch in Alabaster, which is located within the service area the agency is permitted to serve pursuant to CON 2449-ESRD-E. **Status: Pending**

III. New Business

A. Suggested Rule Changes for Public Comment: Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities Annual Report Form

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The next CON Review Board meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.