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HEALTHCARE BULLETIN

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ALABAMA CON REVIEW BOARD UPDATE

I. CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM

- A. AL2011-028, Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Gadsden, AL: Proposal to convert two (2) acute care beds to adult inpatient psychiatric care beds.

Opposition: Gary Griffin & Associates

APPROVED.

- B. AL2011-029, The Healthcare Authority for Medical West, an affiliate of the UAB Health System d/b/a Medical West, Bessemer, AL: Proposal to acquire ten (10) CON authorized psychiatric inpatient beds from the Health Care Authority for Baptist Health, an affiliate of UAB Health System, and transfer those beds to Medical West.

Opposition: HC Partnership, d/b/a Hillcrest Behavioral Health Services filed intervention and opposition. The request for a Contested Case Hearing was withdrawn October 3, 2011.

APPROVED.

- C. AL2011-031, The Piedmont Health Care Authority d/b/a Piedmont Assisted Living and Specialty Care Assisted Living Facility, Piedmont, AL: Proposal to establish a nine (9) bed Specialty Care Assisted Living Facility, with a seven (7) bed Assisted Living Facility, for a total of sixteen (16) beds.

Opposition: None

APPROVED.

- D. **AL2011-034, Renal Care Group of the Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Renal Care Group-Andalusia, Andalusia, AL:** Proposal to relocate the existing ten (10) station facility from 403 West Bypass Street to a new location within a five mile radius of its current location and add two (2) home training stations and one (1) isolation station, for a total of thirteen stations.
Opposition: None
APPROVED.
- E. **AL2011-036, Ball HealthCare-Jefferson, Inc. d/b/a Cherry Hill HealthCare Center, Birmingham, AL:** Proposal to relocate twenty-two (22) nursing home beds from Eastview HealthCare Center to Cherry Hill HealthCare Center and establish an outpatient therapy program for physical, speech, and occupational therapy at Cherry Hill.
Opposition: None
APPROVED.
- F. **AL2011-037, Lakewood Senior Living of Alabama, LLC d/b/a Lakewood Senior Living of Valley I, LLC, Valley, AL:** Proposal to convert sixteen (16) assisted living beds to sixteen (16) specialty care beds.
Opposition: Northridge Specialty Care Assisted Living Facility filed a letter of opposition.
APPROVED.

For Informational Purposes Only:

II. REVIEWABILITY DETERMINATIONS

- A. **RV2011-022, Renal Treatment Centers Southeast, LP d/b/a Lee County Dialysis:** Request to establish a new dialysis facility consisting of nine hemodialysis stations and one peritoneal dialysis training station in Phenix City, AL.
Modified Request for RV2011-022 filed June 7, 2011: Request to establish a new dialysis facility consisting of nine hemodialysis stations and one home training station to be used alternately for peritoneal dialysis training and home hemodialysis training.
Opposition: Physicians Choice Dialysis of Lee County, LLC filed June 14, 2011.
Status: Non-Reviewable

- B. RV2011-034, Renal Treatment Centers Southeast, LP d/b/a Springville Dialysis:** Request to establish and operate a ten station dialysis facility consisting of nine hemodialysis stations and one hemodialysis isolation station in St. Clair County.
Status: Non-Reviewable
- C. RV2011-035, Bio-Medical Applications of Alabama, Inc. d/b/a FMC Dialysis Services Selma:** Request to use on of their existing twenty-six hemodialysis stations to provide home training services for Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis, Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis, and home hemodialysis.
Status: Non-Reviewable
- D. Rural, Lake Martin Community Hospital d/b/a Lake Martin Hospice:** Request to open a satellite office at 9 Cambridge Ct., Wetumpka, Elmore County. The satellite office will service Elmore, Lee, Macon, Tallapoosa, Coosa, Clay, and Chambers counties under the parent office.
Status: Non-Reviewable
- E. Rural, Washington County Hospital:** Request to renovate a former operating room and purchase a new General Electric BrightSpeed Elite Select CT system, including a Covidien Dual Health Power Injector.
Status: Non-Reviewable

III. PENDING REVIEWABILITY DETERMINATIONS

- A. RV2011-036, Gardendale Surgical Associates, LLC:** Request to expand by adding two operating rooms and one procedure room in the existing freestanding multi-specialty ambulatory surgery center located at 2213 Decatur Highway, Gardendale, AL, Jefferson County.
Status: Pending
- B. RV2011-037, Renal Treatment Centers Southeast, LP d/b/a Perry County Dialysis:** Request to establish a ten (10) station ESRD facility consisting of nine (9) hemodialysis stations and one (1) isolation station in Perry County.
Status: Pending

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Declaratory Ruling Request 138: Stringfellow Memorial Hospital petitions the Certificate of Need Review Board to declare that CON review is not required for Stringfellow to proceed with their OR expansion project.

GRANTED.

The next meeting of the CON Board will be November 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

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