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## CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kenneth Graham President North Hawaii Community Hospital, Inc. 67-1125 Mamalahoa Highway Waimea, HI 96743

Dear Mr. Graham:

The State Health Planning and Development Agency has evaluated North Hawaii Community Hospital, Inc.'s Certificate of Need application #15-12A for the expansion of its service area for Kohala Home Health, at no capital cost.

Pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 186 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the Agency has determined that:

- (a) The proposal is eligible for administrative review as it meets one or more of the criteria in Subsection 11-186-99.1(b), HAR.
- (b) The applicant, North Hawaii Community Hospital, Inc., has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that its proposal meets the Certificate of Need criteria in HAR 11-186-15.
- (c) There is no compelling public interest which will be served by requiring the application to go through the standard review process.

As required under Section 323D-43(b), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), the Agency finds that:

- 1. There is a public need for this proposal.
- 2. The cost of this proposal will not be unreasonable in light of the benefits it will provide and its impact on health care costs.

Accordingly, the State Health Planning and Development Agency hereby APPROVES and ISSUES a Certificate of Need to North Hawaii Community Hospital, Inc. for the proposal described in Certificate of Need application #15-12A. There is no capital expenditure authorized under this approval.

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Please be advised that pursuant to Section 323D-47, HRS, any person may, for good cause shown, request in writing a public hearing for reconsideration of the Agency's decision within ten working days from the date of this decision. Accordingly, if no person makes such a timely request for reconsideration, this decision shall become final immediately after the deadline for making such a request has expired.

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Administrator