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RE: Determination of Certificate of Need Exemptions Under Senate Bill 433

Dear Mr. Reese:

Could you clarify how the Department interprets SB 433 in regard to 31-6-47.(a) *Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, this chapter shall not apply to: (21) Diagnostic cardiac catheterization in a hospital setting on patients 15 years of age and older.*

Would the Department determine that a hospital wishing to initiate or expand diagnostic cardiac catheterization on patients 15 years of age or older requires a certificate of need if:

- a. the purchase or lease of the equipment exceeded \$1,000,000 ?
- b. the total capital expenditure exceeded \$2,500,000 ?

Thank you for your attention to this determination request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at mikebritain@legacyconsulting.com or by phone at (404) 847-0100.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael P. Britain'.

Michael P. Britain, FACHE
Principal