

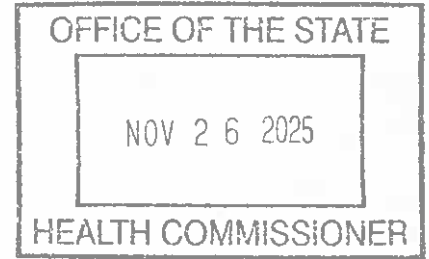


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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2025

TO: Karen Shelton, MD, State Health Commissioner

FROM: Antwon Jacobs, Supervisor, Division of Certificate of Public Need

RE: COPN No. VA-04961, Centra Health, Inc. to add four general purpose operating rooms to Centra Lynchburg General Hospital for a total of 12 general purpose operating rooms.

Attached are the cover letter and certificate for your signature for the project referenced above. This project is recommended for approval by the Division of Certificate of Public Need (DCOPN). As no other party is attempting to challenge the recommendation or show good cause for an informal fact-finding conference (IFFC), there is no need for an IFFC and the project package is being sent directly to you for review/approval. As always, should you desire an IFFC, one can be scheduled and held. The Commissioner's decision due date is January 8, 2026.

The enclosed package consists of a cover letter and certificate for your signature and the DCOPN staff report. A listing of the points and issues of the project follows:

1. The proposal to establish a medical facility with the introduction of a cardiac catheterization laboratory is consistent with the standards and criteria of the State Medical Facilities Plan and the 8 Required Considerations of the Code of Virginia.
2. A reasonable, less costly, more efficient alternative to the proposed project does not exist and the proposal is more beneficial than the status quo.
3. There is a calculated deficit of two general operating rooms in the PD and the applicant has an institutional need for additional general purpose operating rooms.
4. There is no known opposition to the proposed project.

Enclosures (as described above)

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December 15, 2025

Erin S. Whaley  
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**RE: COPN Request No. VA-8837**  
**Centra Health, Inc.**  
**Lynchburg, Virginia**  
**Add four (11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) operating rooms at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital**

Dear Erin S. Whaley:

In accordance with Chapter 4, Article 1.1 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950 (the Code), as amended, I reviewed the application and all supporting documents submitted by Centra Health, Inc. to expand existing general surgical services with the addition of four general purpose operating rooms at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital.

As required by Section 32.1-102.3B of the Code, I have considered all factors that must be taken into account in a determination of public need, and I have concluded that **conditional approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

1. The proposal to establish a medical facility with the introduction of a cardiac catheterization laboratory is consistent with the standards and criteria of the State Medical Facilities Plan and the 8 Required Considerations of the Code of Virginia.
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Erin S. Whaley  
Centra Health, Inc.  
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This certificate is valid for the period December 15, 2025, through December 14, 2026. The total authorized capital cost of the project is \$13,049,404.

Please file two copies of the application for a certificate extension with the Department and one copy with the regional health planning agency no later than 30 days before the expiration date of the certificate. Part VIII of the Virginia Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need Rules and Regulations identifies the filing requirements and review procedure for certificate extension requests.

Sincerely,



Karen Shelton, MD  
State Health Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Antwon Jacobs, Supervisor, Division of Certificate of Public Need  
April Dovel, Director, VDH, Office of Licensure and Certification  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NEED**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Centra Health, Inc. is authorized to initiate the proposal as described below.

NAME OF FACILITY: Centra Lynchburg General Hospital

LOCATION: 1901 Tate Springs Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24501

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL: Centra Health, Inc.

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Expand existing general surgical services with the addition of four (4) general purpose operating rooms at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital, bringing the total to twelve (12) general purpose operating rooms. Capital costs authorized for this project total \$13,049,404. The project is expected to be completed by December 2028. This certificate is issued with the condition that appears on its reverse.



Pursuant to Chapter 4, Article 1:1 of Title 32.1, Sections 32.1-102.1 through 32.1-102.12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended and the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder, this Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need is issued contingent upon substantial and continuing progress towards implementation of the proposal within twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. A progress report shall be submitted to the State Health Commissioner within twelve (12) months from the date of issuance along with adequate assurance of completion within a reasonable time period. The Commissioner reserves the right not to renew this Certificate in the event the applicant fails to fulfill these conditions. This Certificate is non-transferable and is limited to the location, ownership, control and scope of the project shown herein.

Certificate Number: VA-04961

Date of Issuance: December 15, 2025

Expiration Date: December 14, 2026

Karen Shelton, MD, State Health Commissioner

Centra Health, Inc. will provide general operating room services to all persons in need of these services, regardless of their ability to pay, and will provide as charity care to all indigent persons free services or rate reductions in services and facilitate the development and operation of primary care services to medically underserved persons in an aggregate amount equal to at least 1.0% of Centra Health, Inc.'s total patient services revenue derived from general operating room services as valued under the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq. Compliance with this condition will be documented to the Division of Certificate of Public Need annually by providing audited or otherwise appropriately certified financial statements documenting compliance with the preceding requirement. Centra Health, Inc. will accept a revised percentage based on the regional average after such time regional charity care data valued under the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq. is available from Virginia Health Information. The value of charity care provided to individuals pursuant to this condition shall be based on the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.

Centra Health, Inc. will provide surgical care to individuals who are eligible for benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.), Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.), and 10 U.S.C. § 1071 et seq. Additionally Centra Health, Inc. will facilitate the development and operation of primary and specialty medical care services in designated medically underserved areas of the applicant's service area.