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August 20, 2026

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RE: COPN No. VA-04997 (COPN Request No. VA-8891)
Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority (VCUHS)
Richmond, Virginia
Add one (1) PET/CT to downtown campus

Dear Mr. Schutte:

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 Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority to add a second PET/CT scanner at its downtown campus in the VCU Medical Center Adult Outpatient Pavilion.

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 proposed project will improve access to PET/CT services for patients in need of the service that seek care at the applicant's downtown campus, in a city where socioeconomic barriers exist.
2. The proposal is generally consistent with the applicable criteria and standards of the State Medical Facilities Plan and the eight required considerations of the Code of Virginia.
3. The proposed project supports the research, education and patient care missions of the only academic medical center in Central Virginia.
4. The project will not adversely affect existing providers of PET/CT services in PD 15.

5. No alternative to the proposed project has been identified that better meets the needs of the population, and it is more beneficial than the status quo.
6. The capital costs are reasonable, and the proposal is wholly feasible in the immediate and long term.
7. There is no known opposition.

This certificate is valid for the period August 20, 2026 through August 19, 2027
The total authorized capital cost of the project is \$5,514,244.

Please file two copies of the application for a certificate extension with the Virginia Department of Health 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,



Dr. Cameron Webb
State Health Commissioner

Enclosure

cc:

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NEED

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority is authorized to initiate the proposal as described below.

NAME OF FACILITY: VCU Medical Center Adult Outpatient Pavilion

LOCATION: 1001 East Leigh Street, Richmond, Virginia 23298

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL: Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Add a second PET/CT scanner on VCU Medical Center's downtown campus, at the VCU Medical Center Adult Outpatient Pavilion. Capital costs authorized for this project total \$5,514,244. The project is expected to be completed by February 28, 2027. 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-04997

Date of Issuance: August 20, 2026

Expiration Date: August 19, 2027



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Virginia Commonwealth University Health System will provide PET/CT imaging 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 will facilitate the development and operation of primary medical care services to medically underserved persons in PD 15 in an aggregate amount equal to at least 0.9% of Virginia Commonwealth University Health System's gross patient revenue derived from PET/CT imaging. 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.

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System will provide PET/CT imaging 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. Virginia Commonwealth University Health System will facilitate the development and operation of primary and specialty medical care services in designated medically underserved areas of the applicant's service area.