

Mr. Parker

I am a general surgeon who currently operates in an ambulatory surgery center (and am also a part owner) that is operating at capacity.

The continuing shift to providing outpatient surgery care is undeniable. In order to accommodate continued growth in services

we would like to open another room and increase our surgical specialty coverage. The current regulations make that cost-prohibitive. Allowing another Operating Room to be opened without the need for a Certificate of Need would enable us to provide expanded surgical services to our community at a significant savings to the health care system compared to utilizing hospital resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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