

May 5, 2025

Richi Lesley, Regional Vice President Fresenius Kidney Care North America 102 Riverview Drive, Suite B Flowood, Rankin County, Mississippi, 39232

> Re: CON Review Number: ESRD-ES-0425-003 Bio-Medical Applications of Mississippi, Inc d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care North Jackson Expansion of Stations at Existing ESRD Facility Capital Expenditure: \$1,874,050.88 Location: Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Lesley:

We have completed a technical review of the captioned proposal and determined that the application includes sufficient information to be entered into review. The application is hereby deemed complete. Please note, however, that additional clarifying information may be requested by our staff during review of your project.

The Department will accept written comments, for or against the proposal, from members of the public, or any affected persons within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, or May 20, 2025.

The staff analysis for the captioned project will be available online by June 9, 2025, and a copy will be mailed to you. For a minimum fee of \$5.00, any affected person may obtain a copy of the staff analysis by making a written request to this office.

The governing legislation and the Mississippi State Department of Health rules provide that any person directly affected by the proposal may request a public hearing during the course of review. To be effective, the request for a public hearing must be received by the Department within ten (10) days of the date of publication of the staff analysis and must be accompanied by the required \$6,000 hearing fee. An independent hearing officer designated by the State Department of Health will commence the hearing within sixty (60) days of the filing of the hearing request unless all parties to the hearing agree to extend the time for the commencement of the hearing and the time period is waived.

By a copy of this letter, we are providing notice to those directly affected by this proposal. We are also providing notice to the general public through publication on the Department's website. We will use the same kind of notice to inform the public of the date, time, and place of any scheduled hearing.

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After the publication of the staff analysis, and before a written decision is made by the State Health Officer, there shall be no *ex parte* contacts between (a) any person acting on behalf of the applicant or holder of the CON or any person opposed to the issuance or in favor of the withdrawal of the CON and (b) the State Health Officer; the Director of the Division of Health Planning and Resource Development; the hearing officer; or the staff of the Division of Health Planning and Resource Development.

Should you need further assistance, please contact me at (601) 364-5789 or HPRD@msdh.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

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