

Memorial Health Care System

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CON Approved for Memorial Hixson Renovation and Expansion

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency on Wednesday approved Memorial Health Care System's certificate of need application to expand and improve Memorial Hixson Hospital.

Memorial officials went before the agency on Wednesday and proposed Memorial's plans to replace the Intensive Care Unit, renovate and expand the Emergency Department, renovate and expand the Endoscopy Unit, renovate the radiology space to include a SPEC-CT unit, add three additional elevators and conduct a partial renovation of one of the nursing units.

"This enables us to move forward with our plans to improve our facilities so that we may better serve the healthcare needs of those in the region," said James M. Hobson, president and chief executive at Memorial. "This will position Memorial and Memorial North Park to remain a healthcare leader in Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia for years to come."

The project will increase the number of ICU beds from eight to 10, while medical surgical beds will decrease from 61 to 59. The project will not affect the number of total licensed bed complement of 69 beds. The Emergency Department treatment rooms will increase from 13 to 17, and the Endoscopy Unit will increase from 2 to 3 labs.

The total project involves almost 33,000 square feet of renovated and expanded space and is projected to cost about \$17.6 million.

The project does not involve the acquisition any major medical equipment or the initiation or discontinuation of any health care services.

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Memorial Health Care System is a not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to the healing ministry of the Church. Founded by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and strengthened as part of Catholic Health Initiatives, it offers a continuum of care including preventative, primary and acute hospital care, as well as cancer and cardiac care, orthopedic and rehabilitation services. Memorial is a regional referral center of choice with 4,000 associates and more than 700 affiliated physicians providing health care throughout Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia. Memorial Health Care System is recognized as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals® by Thomson Reuters, the health care industry's leading source of information on hospital quality. To learn more, visit www.memorial.org.