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## Washington County Hospital & Nursing Home

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Ms. Emily Marsal, Esq.
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RE:

AL2020-046, CON 2939-H

Washington County Healthcare Authority Inc., d/b/a

Washington County Hospital Request for Project Modification

Dear Ms. Marsal:

Washington County Healthcare Authority d/b/a Washington County Hospital respectfully requests the issuance of a project modification for the reasons expressed herein.

Washington County Hospital has identified that the equipment costs for this project will exceed the estimated costs in the CON application, resulting in an increase in the anticipated total project costs exceeding ten percent of the total CON-approved amount. Based on this, Washington County Hospital requests a modification of CON 2939-H in order to obtain approval of the increase in equipment costs.

Equipment costs have increased from the original budgeted amount of \$7,925.25 for the purchase of five hospital beds. Also, after analyzing recent admissions, Washington County Hospital found it reasonable and beneficial to purchase four hospital beds with an in bed scale system and one bariatric bed with an in bed scale system which were at a higher cost than a standard hospital bed for a total cost of \$38,341.59. Televisions were budgeted for the purchase of five for \$1,250.00 and were lower than estimated at a total cost of \$907.00. We anticipate the cost of window blinds to be consistent with the budgeted amount of \$3,000.00.

We do not anticipate any increase in the first year's annual operating expenses.

Below is a chart summarizing the changes in anticipated costs associated with this project compared with the costs projected in the CON application:

	CON – Approved Cost	Updated Project
	Estimate	Cost
Total Cost of Equipment	\$12,000.00	42,300.00
First Year Annual Operating Costs	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total Project Cost:	\$27,000.00	\$57,300.00

Washington County Hospital respectfully requests the issuance of a project modification to CON 2939-H to reflect the increased equipment costs. There were no opponents to the original CON application, meaning there are no additional parties to notify of this request. A filing fee in the amount of \$525.00, which is thirty five percent of the original CON application fee, will be delivered to the Agency via Overnight Mail.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at (251) 847-4281.

Thank you,

Lesley Dunn

Finance Director