

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

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Petitioner,

DOAH CASE NO.: 17-0555CON

AHCA CASE NO.: 2016014831

vs.

CON NO.: 10448

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE  
ADMINISTRATION,

Respondent,

and

NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL MEDICAL  
CENTER, INC. d/b/a NORTH FLORIDA  
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,

Intervenor.

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE is before the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration (“the Agency”) concerning the preliminary denial of Certificate of Need (“CON”) 10448 filed by Rural Health Partners, LLC (“RHP”) to establish a new 25-bed acute care hospital, with respect to District 3-2, Gilchrist County.

The Agency reviewed CON applications for the Hospital Beds and Facilities batching cycle with an application due date of September 7, 2016, for District 3-2. For District 3-2, the review included:

10448 Rural Health Partners, LLC	New Acute Care Hospital	Denied
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1. On December 5, 2016, the Agency published notice in the Florida Administrative Register of its decision regarding the preliminary denial of CON 10448.

2. On December 27, 2016, RHP filed a petition for formal administrative proceedings contesting the denial of its CON 10448.

3. The Agency referred the petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings and an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) was assigned.

4. On January 13, 2017, North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a North Florida Regional Medical Center filed a Motion to Intervene with the Agency.

5. On February 23, 2017, the ALJ entered an Order Granting Motion to Intervene, for North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc.

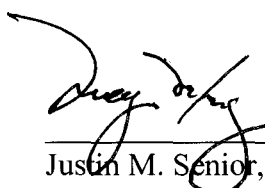
6. On April 10, 2017, RHP filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Request for Formal Hearing, voluntarily dismissing and withdrawing its petition.

7. On April 11, 2017, the ALJ entered an Order Closing File and Relinquishing Jurisdiction.

It is therefore **ORDERED**:

1. The denial of CON 10448 is UPHELD.

**ORDERED** in Tallahassee, Florida, on this 17 day of May, 2017.



Justin M. Senior, Secretary  
Agency for Health Care Administration

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A party who is adversely affected by this Final Order is entitled to judicial review, which shall be instituted by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Agency Clerk of AHCA, and a copy along with the filing fee prescribed by law with the District Court of Appeal in the appellate district where the Agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides. Review of proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Florida appellate rules. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the rendition of the order to be reviewed.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been furnished by the method designated to the persons named below on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



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