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1. Doctor's Hospital of Williamsburg Certificate of Public Need application information

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Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg

An Affiliate of Riverside Health System

Riverside Health System will continue its quest to establish a new hospital in Williamsburg with the filing of a new Certificate of Public Need (COPN) application on June 30, 2006. This application will ask the State Commissioner of Health to grant permission to build and operate a new hospital and present evidence of the need for it.

Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg, to be located in the new Quarterpath of Williamsburg development, will include 31 acute care beds and 12 rehabilitation beds with room to expand. Emergency, surgery, radiology, laboratory, cardio-pulmonary-neurological and therapy services will be included. Riverside proposes to relocate beds presently licensed in Newport News to Williamsburg rather than add new hospital beds.

The Hospital will focus its efforts on serving the medical and surgical needs of those over age 50. This group experiences increasing needs for health services that are responsive to the needs and high quality. More importantly, the Hospital will be part of a network of services that includes ambulatory and physician care, acute and emergency services, and the special needs of frail seniors needing rehabilitation and long term nursing care.

The Greater Williamsburg area is experiencing rapid growth in its population; more importantly; there is a rapid aging of the population as the area attracts more retirees. This growth and aging will drive the need for more hospital beds than exist today. The Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg seeks to serve those in need and offer an alternative to those who wish a choice in their hospital.

Riverside Health System, based in Newport News serves the Northern Neck, Middle Peninsula, Virginia Peninsula as well the Southside and sponsors the Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg. A board of local doctors and citizens provides direction and guidance in the development of the Hospital.

Riverside actively supports the health needs of the community. Significant grants are made to the Old Towne Medical Center and the Lackey Free Clinic annually to support these vital services. Health services include The Williamsburg Radiation Therapy Center, the Peninsula Cancer Institute, Patriots' Colony, Riverside Adult Day Care, Riverside Urgent Care and the Riverside Healthcare Center which houses the Diagnostic Center and the Doctors Surgery Center. Riverside is designing a new 120 bed nursing home for skilled and long term care patients to be located near the proposed hospital.

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