



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Health
Richmond, Va. 23219

JAMES B. KENLEY, M.D.
COMMISSIONER

December 22, 1978

RE: Certificate of Need Number VA-0543
Virginia Heart Institute
Richmond, Virginia
Cardiac Nuclear Medicine - New Service

Dr. Charles L. Baird
205 North Hamilton Street
Richmond, Virginia 23221

Dear Dr. Baird:

Your application and all supporting documents requesting a Certificate of Public Need as provided for in Chapter 12.1, Title 32 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for the above referenced project have been reviewed.

Based upon this review, enclosed is a Certificate Number VA-0543 issued for the period covering December 22, 1978, through December 22, 1979. This Certificate has been issued for the following reasons:

- Cardiac nuclear scanning is gaining acceptance as a valid clinical tool in the evaluation of coronary artery disease. The Virginia Heart Institute is a specialty outpatient hospital designed to provide diagnostic services for the early recognition and treatment of heart disease.
- The acquisition of nuclear scanning capability will allow the Institute to provide a comprehensive range of cardiac diagnostic techniques. The use of nuclear scanning is supported by other diagnostic tests available at the Institute.
- The proposed nuclear scanning service at the Virginia Heart Institute is structured to allow for immediate scans following stress electrocardiography.

As required by Section 32.211 of the Code of Virginia, I have taken into consideration all factors required by law that I consider. In considering such factors, in determining whether a public need exists, I have concluded that the legislative intent as expressed in Section 32-211.4 does warrant the approval of your request.

Please be advised that you will be requested to submit a project progress report prior to the expiration of the Certificate in order to secure further extension beyond one year. At that time and based upon the standards of the progress set forth in Section 8.00 of the Rules and Regulations governing the Certificate of Public Need program, a determination will be made as to whether sufficient progress toward development of the project has occurred to merit extension beyond the original certification period.

Sincerely,

James B. Kenley, M.D.
State Health Commissioner