Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC) Acute Dialysis Program Expansion

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Acute Dialysis Program for the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers (UMHHC) is currently located on Unit 7D at University Hospital. Growth over the past two years has led to a program utilization at 87% of capacity in Fiscal Year 2000 and 97% in Fiscal Year 2001. Year-to-date activity indicates the Acute Dialysis Program will run at 100% utilization for this fiscal year. One-half of the ten-bed unit is dedicated to the care of acute inpatients and temporarily chronic outpatients requiring dialysis treatments and selected invasive procedures. The balance of the space is vacant, having previously been dedicated to the Chronic Outpatient Dialysis Program, relocated off-site in July of 2001.

The vacant space provides an opportunity to expand the acute program and provide an overall improvement in the environment for patients requiring dialysis treatments and/or invasive procedures. This project will expand the acute program by three beds for a total of eight, and create a private area for the performance of invasive procedures such as catheter placements and surgical access evaluations. The area affected by the expansion and alterations project is approximately 1,600 gross square feet. The scope of this project includes architectural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We anticipate no additional parking spaces will be needed for this expansion project. The relocation of chronic dialysis patients to an offsite location in July of 2001 more than offset the incremental need created by this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $651,000, including $200,000 for equipment and technology. Funding will be provided from the Hospitals and Health Centers' capital fund. The project is expected to be completed in Fall of 2002.

We recommend that the Regents approve the UMIHHC Acute Dialysis Program Expansion Project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON  

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