

January 7, 2026

Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Public Hearing

LD 1890 An Act to Facilitate the Development of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities by Exempting Certain Facilities from the Requirement to Obtain a Certificate of Need

Good Afternoon, Senator D Bailey, Rep K Mathieson and distinguished members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. My name is Bonnie Vaughan RDH, IPDH, MEd, MBA. I reside in Cumberland and I'm Executive Director of Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry Center, a nonprofit dental center serving all ages, including more than 80% MC. Our services include diagnostic, preventive, restorative, and extractions services. Our Center KVFD is located in the Ballard Center, the Old Maine General Hospital on 6 E Chestnut St In Augusta. One of the major needs we saw was sedation services for our patients.

We are speaking in support of LD 1890. Since 2021 KVFD has been planning, and developing an expansion to our current location by adding 5 dental operatories including 2 sedation rooms/ ASC, to our current 8 chair center. We did go thru the process of submitting the Letter of Intent in 2024 to the Dept of HHS. We were very lucky to receive a letter from the Department in Oct 2024. Based on the dental needs and ASC plan we were not subject to a review.

I have attached our initial letter of intent and the Dept HHS response. I have also attached floor plan for the expansion which we hope to complete by March 2026. It has taken more than 5 years for the planning, fund raising and construction.

Maine has very few ASC-especially for dental care. Removing the letter of intent is just one step in a very long detailed process in creating ASC.

We appreciate the Committee's time to review this health care issue and I would be available for additional support at the committee's work session.

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October 21, 2024

Ms. Bonnie Vaughan, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Vaughan,

This correspondence responds to your emails dated October 10, 2024, and letter of intent dated October 13, 2024, stating that Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry intends to expand its dental services to include an Ambulatory Dental Surgical Center ("ASC") in Augusta, ME. The ASC will allow the use of a higher level of sedation for many patients and will alleviate the long waiting list for dental services, particularly among MaineCare patients. Capital costs are estimated at \$1,651,000 and additional operating costs are estimated to be below the \$1,379,394 CON threshold.

Based solely on the information you provided, the Department of Health and Human Services has determined that the proposal as described is not subject to review. The applicable reason(s) this is not a covered project are indicated below:

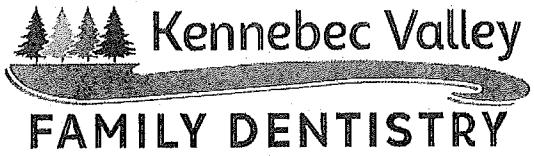
- The project is not a transfer of ownership or acquisition of control of a health care facility that is under the control of the same parent corporation.
- This project is not an acquisition of major medical equipment where the expenditure exceeds \$4,414,059.
- This project is not a new health service where:
 - Capital expenditures exceed \$4,138,181 or
 - Third year annual operating costs exceed \$1,379,394.
- This project is not a new health care facility where:
 - Capital expenditures exceed \$5,000,000 for a nursing facility or
 - Capital expenditures exceed \$3,000,000 for other covered facilities.
- The total capital costs associated with the project does not exceed:
 - \$6,896,968 for nursing facilities.
 - \$13,793,936 for hospitals or other covered facilities.

The applicant is responsible for the accuracy of the information provided to the department. Please submit architectural plans to the State Fire Marshalls Office for approval and contact the Division of Licensing and Certification to obtain your initial ASC license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Lawrence".

Richard S. Lawrence
Senior Health Care Financial Analyst
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October 13, 2024

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RE: Letter of Intent to expand the KVFD Dental Center to include an Ambulatory Surgical Center in Augusta Maine

Dear Bill & Rich,

On behalf of the Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry, a nonprofit 501 C 3 organization, we are filing this Letter of Intent to expand our dental services to include an Ambulatory Dental Surgical Center in Augusta Maine. We are currently located at the Ballard Center on 6 East Chestnut St. and the expansion will include five more dental operators and the Surgical Center. We are requesting a ruling from The Department to approve the KVFD Expansion to build and operate a dental surgical center.

KVFD has been providing dental restorative, preventive, extraction and emergency services in the Augusta area since 2009. The current space includes 8 dental operatories. In 2021, because of the continued demands for dental care from our Maine Care patients we started to plan an expansion. Our population includes all ages and serves uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare populations. We are open Monday – Friday. Our dental hygiene appointments are booked 12 months and our dental appointments are booked out more than 5 months.

The expansion of 3,000 sq ft will be adjacent to the current location on the 4th floor of the Ballard Center. We currently have 2 N2O carts which are used by 3 of our dental providers, but, we have many patients that need a higher level of sedation and we have very few referral offices that will take our MC patients.

Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry believes our Letter of Intent and request for approval may fall under DHHS, Division of Licensing and Certification and Healthcare Oversight. This might include M.R.S.Title 22 and Chapter 103 A. The current budget estimate is \$1,651,000. which falls below the Threshold amounts for CON projects.

KVFD respectfully requests the Department issue a response letter confirming that the proposed expansion project is subject to review and advising regarding the next steps. We request that you work with us to schedule a Technical Assistance Meeting to discuss the next steps.

We look forward to your response and assistance in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

Bonnie

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RE: Letter of Intent, for a Dental Ambulatory Surgical Center, in Augusta Maine

From: Bonnie Vaughan <BSSvaughan@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:41 AM

To: Lawrence, Rich S. <Rich.S.Lawrence@maine.gov>

Subject: Re: Letter of Intent, for a Dental Ambulatory Surgical Center, in Augusta Maine

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Good Morning,

Yes we have a budget and funding from the Kennebec County ARPA Grant, Congressional District Spending Grant and some private grants.

Kennebec County ARPA	\$603,000.
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Congressional District Spending Grant	\$623,000.
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Private Grants	\$425,000
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Total	\$1,651,000.
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Let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you for your quick response.

Bonnie

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From: Lawrence, Rich S. <Rich.S.Lawrence@maine.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:49 AM

To: Bonnie Vaughan <bssvaughan@msn.com>; Montejo, William <William.Montejo@maine.gov>

Subject: RE: Letter of Intent, for a Dental Ambulatory Surgical Center, in Augusta Maine

Calendar To Do

January

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Today • Wed, Jan 7

No more events scheduled today
Create new event

+ Add a task due today

Tomorrow • Thu, Jan 8

Up next

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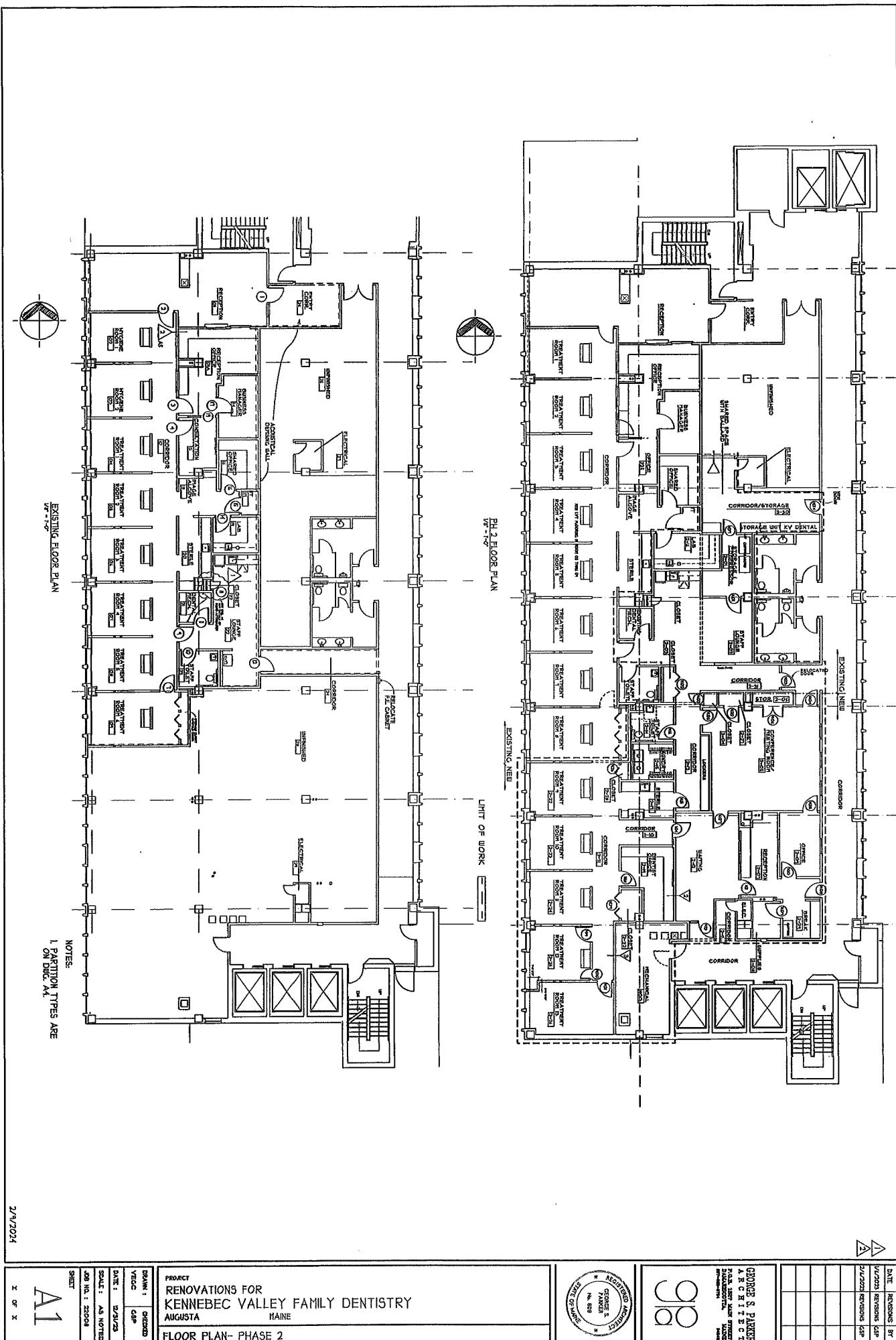
12:00 PM MOHCA Meeting
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1:00 PM Canceled: Dental Therapy I...
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Sat, Jan 10

Saturday Team Meeting

+ New event



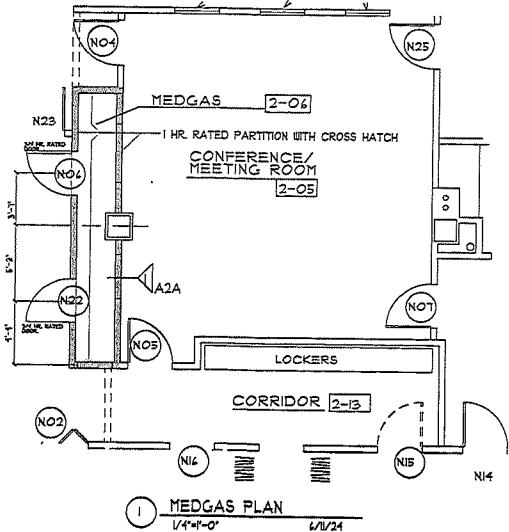
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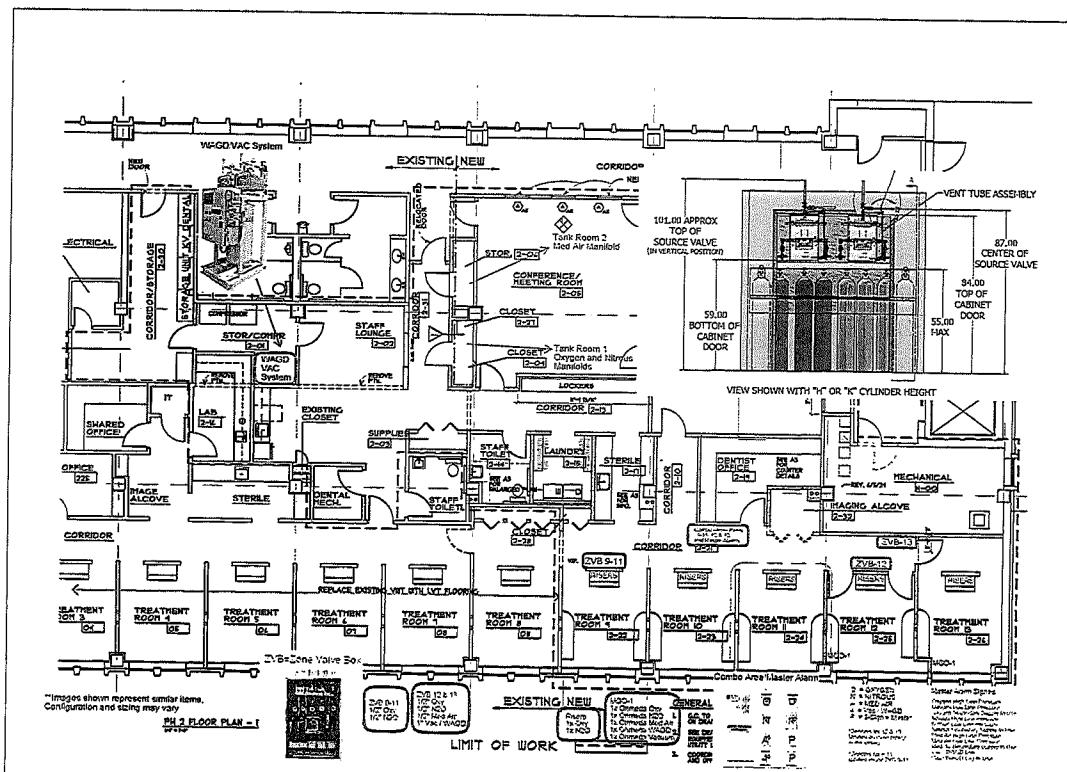
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PROJECT: RENOVATIONS FOR PHASE 2a
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 MEDICAL GAS EQUIPMENT PLANS AND DETAILS

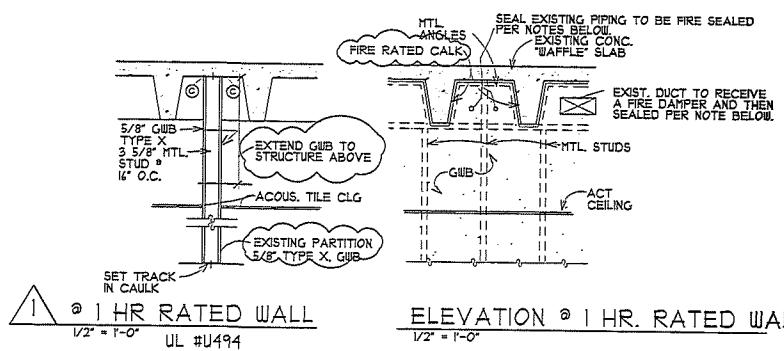
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NOTES:
 1. SEE DETAIL 1 ON DRAWING A2A FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE PARTITION.
 2. VENTILATION OF THE MEDICAL GAS ROOM SHALL MEET NFPA 99.
 THE DETAILED LAYOUT OF THE SYSTEM IS SHOWN ON DRAWING M-1.



MEDICAL GAS EQUIPMENT LAYOUT

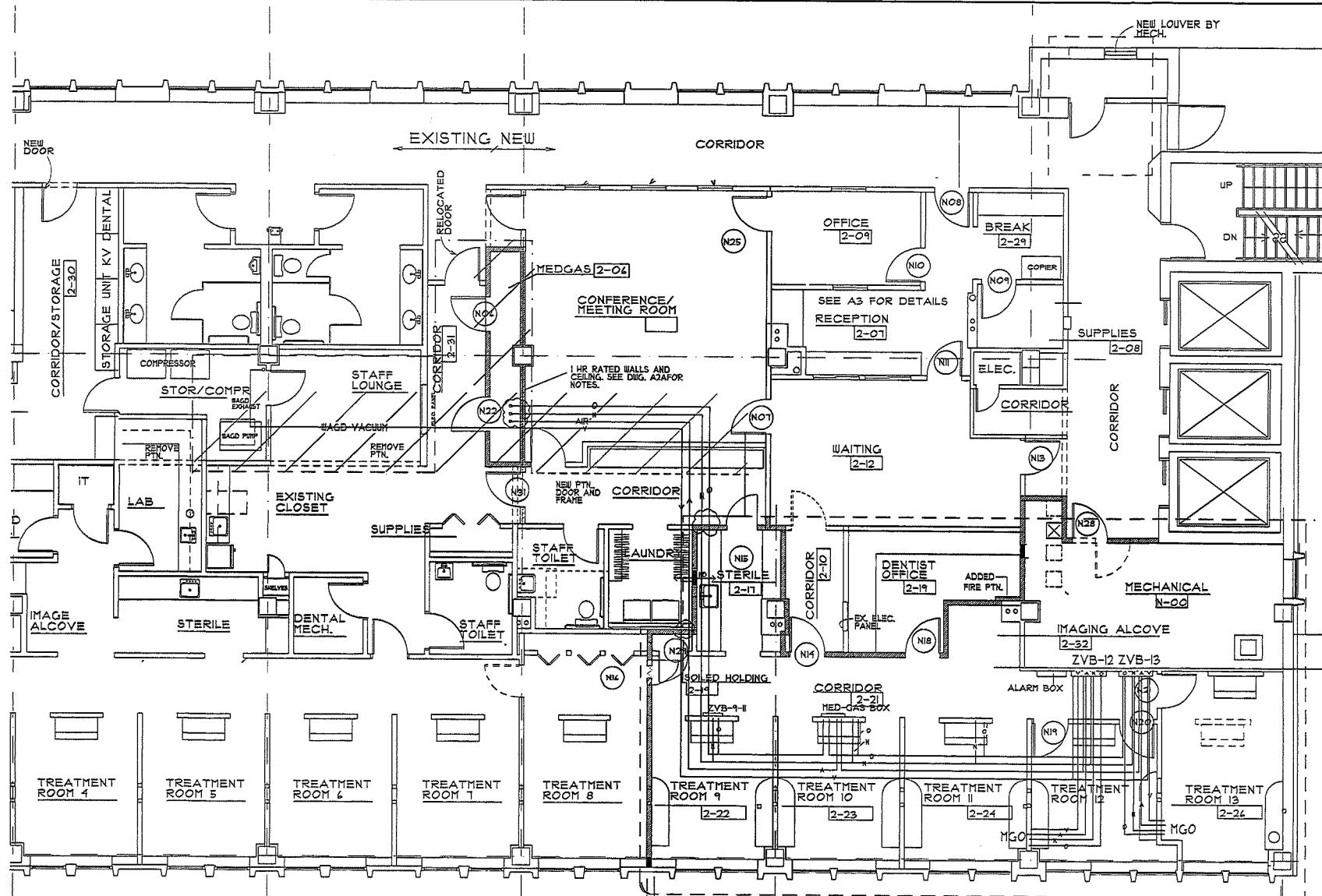


FIRE PROTECTION CONSTRUCTION NOTES

1. PENETRATIONS OF ALL EXISTING AND NEW DUCTWORK, PIPING AND WIRING OF FIRE RATED PARTITIONS SHALL BE SEALED PER FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS. SEE ELEV. 1, THIS DWG.
2. ALL RATED CONSTRUCTION WILL REQUIRE INSPECTION BY BOTH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF AUGUSTA. IT IS RECOMMENDED TO CONSULT WITH THEM PRIOR TO STARTING WORK.

MEDICAL GAS EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

1. A SEPARATE 24 PAGE SUBMITTAL DOCUMENT FROM TRI-TECH IS ENCLOSED. IT CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION ON ALL THE VALVE BOXES, ALARMS, MANIFOLDS IS INCLUDED AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM THE SET OF DRAWINGS.
2. PIPING AND ASSOCIATED VALVES IDENTIFICATIONS ON PIPING, HAS BEEN ROUGHED IN AND INSPECTED BY BEACONMEDAE LAST DECEMBER. THEIR REPORT IS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PACKAGE.



AHO MEDICAL GAS PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTES
SEE DRAWING A2A FOR NOTES ON
FIRE PROTECTION DETAILS.

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