

NATIONAL FINANCE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 1, 2024 a public hearing, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), will be held by the National Finance Authority (the “Authority”), a component unit of the Business Finance Authority of the State of New Hampshire, with respect to the health care facilities proposed to be financed or refinanced by the Authority with proceeds from the issuance of one or more series of tax-exempt bonds (the “Bonds”). The hearing will commence at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, and pursuant to Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2022-20, the hearing will be held via toll free telephonic means accessible to the general public as described below. The Bonds will be “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds” as defined in Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), for hospital and related health care facilities. The maximum stated principal amount of Bonds to be issued is \$785,000,000.

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be loaned to Novant Health, Inc. (“Novant”), a North Carolina nonprofit corporation. Novant will use the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds to (1) refund existing indebtedness of Novant, the proceeds of which were used to initially finance a portion of the cost of the 2024 Projects (described below), (2) pay, or reimburse Novant for paying, a portion of the cost of the 2024 Projects, (3) refund all or a portion of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission’s (the “Commission”) outstanding Health Care Facilities Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds (Novant Health Obligated Group) Series 2013A (the “2013A Bonds”), (4) refund all or a portion of the Commission’s outstanding Variable Rate Demand Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Novant Health Obligated Group) Series 2004A and Series 2004B Bonds (together, the “2004 Bonds”), and (5) if desired by Novant, pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds by the Authority.

The 2024 Projects include, but are not limited to, constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping (1) a new health care facility known as Novant Health Ballantyne Medical Center located at 10905 Providence Road West, Charlotte, NC 28277 and consisting of approximately 36 licensed inpatient beds, three operating rooms, two procedure rooms, an emergency department and imaging and laboratory facilities (the “Ballantyne Medical Center Project”); (2) an expansion and renovation of Novant Health Matthews Medical Center located at 1500 Matthews Township Parkway, Matthews, NC 28105 (“Matthews Medical Center”), including the addition of approximately 58 licensed inpatient beds, expanded surgical services, expanded support areas and a central energy plant expansion and generator building (the “Matthews Medical Center Project”); (3) infrastructure upgrades at Novant Health Medical Park Hospital located at 1950 S. Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 (the “Medical Park Hospital Project”); (4) an expansion and renovation of Novant Health Kernersville Medical Center located at 1750 Kernersville Medical Parkway, Kernersville, NC 27284, including new intensive care beds, a women’s center, new cardiac services and central energy plant improvements (the “Kernersville Medical Center Project”); and (5) an expansion and renovation of Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center located at 3333 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem NC 27103 (“Forsyth Medical Center”), including a new critical care tower, improvements to the women’s center, infrastructure upgrades and a kitchen expansion (the “Forsyth Medical Center Project”).

The maximum principal amount of Bonds to be issued to finance and refinance the 2024 Projects is \$598,000,000. Set forth in the table below is the maximum principal amount of Bonds to be issued for each of the 2024 Projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Maximum Principal Amount of Bonds to be Issued Relating to the 2024 Projects</u>
Ballantyne Medical Center Project	\$152,000,000
Matthews Medical Center Project	98,300,000
Kernersville Medical Center Project	47,450,000
Forsyth Medical Center Project	299,750,000
Medical Park Hospital Project	500,000

The maximum principal amount of Bonds to be issued to refund the 2004 Bonds is \$135,000,000. The proceeds of the 2004 Bonds were used for constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping (1) an expansion and renovation of Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center (then known as Presbyterian Hospital) located at 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204 (“Presbyterian Medical Center”), including services for women’s health and neonatal intensive care and the modernization of medical/surgical rooms, (2) an expansion and renovation of the intensive care unit and the emergency department at Forsyth Medical Center, (3) the acquisition of magnetic resonance imaging equipment owned and operated by Foundation Health Systems, LLC, (4) the acquisition of furniture, fixtures, medical equipment and computer equipment for use at Forsyth Medical Center, Presbyterian Medical Center and Matthews Medical Center and (5) paying liquidity facility fees and costs of issuance relating to the 2004 Bonds (collectively, the “2004 Project”).

The maximum principal amount of Bonds to be issued to refund the 2013A Bonds is \$52,000,000. The proceeds of the 2013A Bonds were used for (1) constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping (a) an expansion and renovation of Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center located at 10030 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 (“Huntersville Medical Center”), including surgical service areas, intensive care unit space and the addition of 15 licensed beds; (b) an expansion at Matthews Medical Center, including the addition of 20 acute care beds; (c) a then new health care facility known as Novant Health Clemmons Medical Center located at 6915 Village Medical Circle, Clemmons, NC 27012; (d) the G-wing renovation at Presbyterian Medical Center, including the addition of three floors and 11 operating rooms, the renovation of the emergency department and existing surgical suite, and centralization of pharmacy operations (collectively, the “2013A Construction Projects”); (2) acquiring and installing medical, computer, office and capital equipment for use at Presbyterian Medical Center, Huntersville Medical Center and Matthews Medical Center (the “2013A Equipment,” and together with the 2013A Construction Projects, the “2013A New Money Project”); (3) refunding then existing indebtedness of Novant, the proceeds of which were used to initially finance a portion of the cost of the 2013A New Money Project; (4) refunding then existing indebtedness of Novant, the proceeds of which were used to refund the portion of the Commission’s Health Care Revenue Bonds (Carolina Medicorp Project), Series 1996 that financed the 1996 Replacement Project (described below); (5) advance refunding the portion of the Commission’s outstanding Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Novant Health Project) Series 2003A (the “2003A Bonds”) that financed the 2003 Routine Equipment Project (described below); and (6) paying costs of issuance relating to the 2013A Bonds. The 2013A New Money Project, the 1996 Replacement Project and the 2003 Routine Equipment Project are collectively referred to as the “2013A Project.”

The 1996 Replacement Project includes (1) infrastructure improvements to Presbyterian Medical Center; (2) infrastructure improvements to the then existing Novant Health Charlotte Orthopedic Hospital located at 1901 Randolph Road, Charlotte NC 28207; (3) improvements to Huntersville Medical Center, including an endovascular lab for radiological procedures; and (4) the acquisition and installation of medical, computer, office and capital equipment for use at Presbyterian Medical Center, Matthews Medical Center and Forsyth Medical Center.

The 2003 Routine Equipment Project consisted of acquiring medical, computer, office and capital equipment for use by Novant and its affiliates at Winston-Salem Health Care Diagnostic Center located at 280 Charlois Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27103; Thomasville Medical Center located at 207 Old Lexington Road, Thomasville, NC 27360; Salem MRI located at 1701 South Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103; Forsyth Medical Center; Presbyterian Medical Center and Matthews Medical Center.

The 2024 Projects, the 2004 Project and the 2013A Project are collectively referred to as the "Project." The Project is or will be owned or operated by Novant and its affiliates, including The Presbyterian Hospital, Forsyth Memorial Hospital, Inc., Novant Health Matthews Medical Center, LLC, Medical Park Hospital, LLC; Novant Health Ballantyne Medical Center, LLC; Forsyth Medical Group, LLC; Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center, LLC; and Foundation Health Systems, LLC.

The Bonds and the obligation to pay principal of and interest thereon and any redemption premium with respect thereto do not constitute indebtedness or an obligation of the Authority, the State of North Carolina, the State of New Hampshire, or any political subdivision thereof, within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory debt limitation, or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of any of them. The Bonds shall be a limited obligation of the Authority, payable solely from certain revenues duly pledged therefor and generally representing amounts paid by Novant.

Interested persons wishing to express their views on the issuance of the Bonds or on the nature and location of the Project proposed to be financed or refinanced may participate in the telephonic public hearing by calling the telephonic conference line, (844) 854-2222 (a toll-free telephone number) and entering the participant code 920111, or, prior to the time of the hearing, submit written comments to the address below.

Additional information concerning the above matter may be obtained from, and written comments should be addressed to, National Finance Authority, 135 North State Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, Attention: John Stoecker, Telephone: (603) 369-3886, E-mail: john@nfabonds.com.

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