

August 3, 2001

Dennis McConville
VP, Strategic & Operational Planning
Manchester Memorial Hospital
71 Haynes Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Re: Final Decision, Docket Number 01-1506
Manchester Memorial Hospital and Insight Health Services Corporation
Replacement of an Existing MRI Unit

Dear Mr. McConville:

On August 1, 2001, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your letter requesting a waiver of the Certificate of Need (“CON”) process in accordance with Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”). Manchester Memorial Hospital (“Hospital”) is proposing to replace and upgrade its existing MRI unit at a projected capital expenditure of \$1,721,500.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings regarding your request:

1. On November 4, 1993, under Docket Number 93-517, Manchester Memorial Hospital was authorized to establish an MRI service at a total capital expenditure of \$3,112,880.
2. The Hospital is proposing to replace its existing 1.5 Tesla MRI unit through Signal Medical Services, Inc., with a GE 1.5T Echospeed Plus MRI unit leased through Insight Health Services Corporation, at a total capital cost of \$1,721,500. The components of the cost include \$1,706,000 for the MRI unit and \$15,500 for renovations. The total cost of \$1,721,500 is below the \$2,000,000 threshold for determining eligibility for waiver of the CON process pursuant to Section 19a-639c, of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”).

3. The proposed expenditure for the proposed replacement MRI unit is not more than the original cost, plus an increase of ten percent for each twelve-month period that has elapsed since November 4, 1993.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the Hospital's proposal to replace the existing 1.5 Tesla MRI unit with a GE 1.5 T Echospeed Plus MRI unit meets the requirements for waiver of the CON process pursuant to Section 19a-639c, C.G.S. Therefore, Manchester Memorial Hospital's proposal to replace its existing MRI unit at a capital expenditure of \$1,721,500 is approved and a Certificate of Need is granted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven Lazarus at OHCA, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Final Decision was signed by Comr. Gorman on 8/3/01

Raymond J. Gorman
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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