

January 16, 2002

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Re: Final Decision, Docket Number 02-1500
The Stamford Hospital
Request to Waive CON Requirements for Replacement CT Scanner in
Accordance with Section 19a-639c, C.G.S.

Dear Attorney Cowherd:

On January 15, 2002, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received the Letter of Intent/Waiver Form from Stamford Hospital proposing to replace the hospital’s existing CT Scanner at a projected capital expenditure of \$979,550.

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

1. On June 26, 1990, under Docket Number 90-505, Stamford Hospital was authorized to replace a CT Scanner unit at a capital expenditure of \$1,268,472.
2. Stamford Hospital is proposing to replace the existing GE CT 9800 Computed Tomography (“CT”) Scanner with a GE Lightspeed QX/I CT Scanner.
3. The projected capital expenditure for the proposed replacement CT Scanner unit is \$979,550.
4. The cost of \$979,550 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.”).

5. The proposed expenditure for the proposed replacement CT Scanner unit is not more than the original cost, plus an increase of ten percent for each twelve-month period that has elapsed since June 26, 1990.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Stamford Hospital's proposal to replace the existing GE CT 9800 CT Scanner with a GE Lightspeed QX/I CT Scanner meets the requirements for waiver of the CON process pursuant to Section 19a-639c, C.G.S. Therefore, Stamford Hospital's proposal to replace the CT Scanner at a capital cost of \$979,550 is approved and a Certificate of Need is granted.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steve Lazarus or Sandra Czunas, Health System Development, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

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Director, Health System Development

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