

March 7, 2002

Sally F. Herlihy
V.P. Planning & Marketing
New Milford Hospital
21 Elm Street
New Milford, Connecticut 06776

Re: Final Decision, Docket Number 02-1501
New Milford Hospital
Request to Waive CON Requirements for Replacement CT Scanner in
Accordance with Section 19a-639c, C.G.S.

Dear Ms. Herlihy:

On February 25, 2002, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received the Letter of Intent/Waiver Form from New Milford Hospital proposing to replace the hospital’s existing Computed Tomography (“CT”) Scanner at a projected capital expenditure of \$1,025,000.

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

1. On June 18, 1985, under Docket Number 85-506, New Milford Hospital was authorized to purchase a CT Scanner unit at a capital expenditure of \$1,053,170.
2. In 1995, New Milford Hospital replaced this scanner with a Siemens Somatom Plus 40 CT Scanner for \$399,975. This capital expenditure did not require CON authorization because it was below the \$400,000 threshold stipulated in the regulations for acquisition of major medical equipment.
3. New Milford Hospital is proposing to replace the existing Siemens Somatom Plus 40 CT Scanner with a GE Multislice CT Scanner (GE Lightspeed).

4. The projected capital expenditure for the proposed replacement CT Scanner unit is \$1,025,000.
5. The cost of \$1,025,000 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.").
6. 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 18, 1985.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that New Milford Hospital's proposal to replace the existing Siemens Somatom Plus 40 CT Scanner with a GE Multislice CT Scanner (GE Lightspeed) meets the requirements for waiver of the CON process pursuant to Section 19a-639c, C.G.S. Therefore, New Milford Hospital's proposal to replace the CT Scanner at a capital cost of \$1,025,000 is approved and a Certificate of Need is granted.

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

Sincerely,

Signed March 7, 2002 by
Mary M. Heffernan
Director, Health System Development

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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