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Gerard D. Robilotti
Danbury Hospital
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Final Decision, Docket Number 02-1508
Danbury Hospital
Request to Waive CON Requirements for Replacement CT Scanner in
Accordance with Section 19a-639c, C.G.S.

Dear Mr. Robilotti:

On October 21, 2002, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received the Letter of Intent/Waiver Form from Danbury Hospital proposing to replace the hospital's existing Computed Tomography ("CT") Scanner at a projected capital expenditure of \$1,845,138.

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

1. On April 11, 1990 under Docket Number 90-515, Danbury Hospital was authorized to purchase a replacement CT Scanner unit at a capital expenditure of \$1,071,000.
2. Danbury Hospital is proposing to replace the existing Quick Highlight CT scanner with a GE Light Speed Ultra 16 Multi-Detector CT Scanner (GE Lightspeed) at a cost of \$1,191,138.
3. The replacement GE Lightspeed scanner will be located at 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut.

4. The projected capital expenditure for the proposed replacement CT Scanner unit, including associated construction and renovation of the facility to accommodate the new unit, is \$1,848,138.
5. This proposal will be funded using a combination of applicant equity and charitable contributions.
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 April 11, 1990.
7. The cost of \$1,848,138 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.").

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Danbury Hospital's proposal to replace the existing Quick Highlight CT scanner with a GE Light Speed Ultra 16 Multi-Detector CT Scanner (GE Lightspeed) meets the requirements for waiver of the CON process pursuant to Section 19a-639c, C.G.S. Therefore, Danbury Hospital's proposal to replace the CT Scanner at a capital cost of \$1,191,138 is approved and a Certificate of Need is Granted.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Mary M. Heffernan
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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