## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

November 19, 2009

Mr. Joseph Connolly Chief Marketing & Government Relations Officer Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc. 56 Franklin Street Waterbury, CT 06706

RE:

Docket Number 09-31295-MDF; A modification of a Certificate of Need issued by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31295-WVR pursuant to 19a-639c, C.G.S. Replacement of a CT Scanner by Saint Mary's Hospital

Dear Mr. Connolly:

On October 13, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Form 2020 request from St. Mary's Hospital ("Hospital") for a Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination regarding a change in the planned acquisition of the CT scanner previously approved by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31295-WVR pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes. The change is from the acquisition of a 40 slice CT scanner to a 64 slice CT scanner. Please be informed that OHCA has reviewed this matter and determines that a change in the planned CT scanner requires a modification of the CON Order issued under Docket Number 08-31295-WVR. OHCA has reviewed the Hospital's October 13, 2009 filing, and finds that the Hospital's rationale for changing the planned acquisition from a 40 slice unit to a 64 slice unit is reasonable and that a change in conditions since the initial CON application has occurred. As such, OHCA allows this change and modifies the Conditions #3 and 5, as follows:

- 3. With respect to the acquisition of the new CT scanner, the Hospital shall notify OHCA regarding the following information in writing by no later than two months after the scanner becomes operational:
  - a. The name of the manufacturer;
  - b. The model name and description of the computed tomography scanner; and
  - c. The initial date of the operation of the computed tomography scanner.
  - d. The termination date of the operation of the temporary CT scanner.
  - 5. The Hospital may rent a temporary scanner until the new CT scanner becomes operational. Once the rental CT scanner becomes operational, the existing 16-slice scanner may no longer be used by the Hospital. Furthermore, once the new CT scanner becomes operational, the temporary scanner may no longer be used.

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If you have any questions regarding this modification approval, please contact Karen Roberts, Principal Health Care Analyst at OHCA at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely

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