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Final Decision

Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: Hartford Hospital
80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Docket Number: 17-31952-MDF

Project Description: Modification of Previous Certificate of Need
Authorization No. 14-31952-CON

Procedural History: On February 25, 2015, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) to Hartford Hospital issued under Docket Number 14-31952-CON, to acquire a SPECT/CT scanner.

On February 1, 2017, OHCA received a Request for Modification from the Applicant seeking to extend the expiration date of the CON to September 30, 2017 and revise the brand of SPECT/CT scanner to be acquired to a GE Discovery NMCT670 ES SPECT CT. Deputy Commissioner Addo has reviewed the entire record in this matter.



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Findings of Fact

1. On February 25, 2015, OHCA granted a CON to Hartford Hospital's Radiology/Nuclear Imaging department to acquire a Siemens Symbia Intevo SPECT/CT 2 Slice scanner to replace one of its existing Philips SPECT cameras and one of its Philips Gamma cameras.
2. The CON has an expiration date of February 25, 2017.
3. After the CON was issued, Hartford Hospital's Radiology/Nuclear Imaging department learned from the Nuclear Cardiology department that the Siemens SPECT/CT scanner had unresolvable quality issues.
4. Due to the known issues with the Siemens SPECT/CT scanner, Hartford Hospital received a quote from General Electric for a SPECT/CT scanner with specifications similar to that of the Siemens SPECT/CT scanner. The model was a GE Discovery NMCT670 ES SPECT CT.
5. The quality of the GE SPECT/CT scanner met the satisfaction of the Section Chief of Nuclear Medicine. As a result, Hartford Hospital wishes to revise the model of the SPECT/CT to reflect that of the GE Discovery (GE Discovery NMCT670 ES SPECT CT).
6. The installation of the SPECT/CT was further delayed by the renovation of the "Fast Trak" Gold Pod in the Emergency Room, which is located immediately below the area where the new SPECT/CT will be installed. The renovation is expected to be completed in late spring 2017.

Discussion

Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a (b) provides in relevant part: "On a showing of changed conditions, the agency may reverse or modify the final decision, at any time, at the request of any person or on the agency's own motion." Hartford Hospital has established a change in conditions resulting from the unresolvable quality issues encountered with the Siemens SPECT/CT scanner and the renovations being performed on the "Fast Trak" Gold Pod in the Emergency Room.

Order

Based upon the foregoing, the request to extend the expiration date of the CON to September 30, 2017 and revise the brand of SPECT/CT scanner to be acquired to a GE Discovery NMCT670 ES SPECT CT is hereby **APPROVED**.

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Date

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