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Mr. Lawrence A. Tanner  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
New Britain General Hospital  
100 Grand Street  
New Britain, CT 06050

Mr. Clarence J. Silvia  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center  
100 Grand Street  
New Britain, CT 06050

**RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 04-30280-DTR;**

The termination of New Britain General Hospital and Bradley Memorial Hospital and Medical Center as separately licensed hospitals and consolidation of hospital operations under a single acute care hospital license with two hospital campuses.

Dear Mr. Tanner and Mr. Silvia:

On April 7, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination regarding the proposed termination of New Britain General Hospital and Bradley Memorial Hospital and Medical Center as separately licensed hospitals and the consolidation of hospital operations under a single acute care hospital license with two hospital campuses. Listed below are pertinent findings regarding this matter:

1. New Britain General Hospital ("NBGH" or "hospital") is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a General Hospital at 100 Grand Street in New Britain.
2. Bradley Memorial Hospital and Medical Center ("BMHMC" or "hospital") is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a General Hospital at 81 Meriden Avenue in Southington.
3. NBGH and BMHMC are currently operated under the same parent corporation, Central Connecticut Health Alliance, yet are separately licensed, separately incorporated legal entities.
4. NBGH and BMHMC propose to combine the hospital operations of NBGH and BMHMC under one single hospital license on October 1, 2004.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

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6. Each hospital currently has its own board of directors, operating committees and medical staffs.
7. Subsequent to the proposed combination under a single license, the existing campuses in New Britain and Southington will remain in operation, inpatient services will be provided at both campuses and there will be no change in the number of licensed beds as a result of this proposal.
8. The hospitals are proposing a single license in order to improve the accessibility of services to the population of the hospitals' service areas, to enhance the continuum of care, to improve the quality of care provided and to improve the cost effectiveness and efficiency of these facilities.
9. The name of the combined entity has not been determined at this time. The services will be provided by the staffs of Bradley Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and New Britain General Hospital.
10. Section 19a-638(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes states:  
*"Each health care facility or institution, that intends to (A) transfer all or part of its ownership or control, (B) change the governing powers of the board of a parent company or an affiliate, whatever its designation, or (C) change or transfer the powers or control of a governing or controlling body of an affiliate, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such transfer or change, a request for permission to undertake such transfer or change."*

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is required pursuant to Section 19a-638(a)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 03-17.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on April 7, 2004 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore the hospitals may file a completed CON application with OHCA between June 6, 2004 and August 5, 2004. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Karen Roberts, OHCA Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH