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Linda S. Smith
Director of Quality Assurance
Catholic Charities, Inc. Archdiocese of Hartford
839-841 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30713-DTR
Catholic Charities, Inc. Archdiocese of Hartford
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinic for Adolescents and Children in Hartford

Dear Ms. Smith:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adolescents and children at 896 Asylum Avenue in Hartford.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Catholic Charities, Inc. –Archdiocese of Hartford ("CCI") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut.
2. CCI is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adolescents and children at 896 Asylum Avenue in Hartford.
3. The proposal will allow the expansion and enhancement of services to include substance abuse treatment to the clients in the communities currently served.
4. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter dated March 16, 2006, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, supports the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

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5. DCF stated in its letter, “In a location where transportation is a barrier and where there is a severe concentration of need, the approach suggested by this provider is consistent with the Department of Children and Families efforts to develop appropriate services within those communities where those services are needed”.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Catholic Charities, Inc. –Archdiocese of Hartford’s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment program for adolescents and children at 896 Asylum Avenue in Hartford meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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