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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30782-EXM
Stamford Health System, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Transfer of Adult Day Care Program

Dear Attorney Cowherd:

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 transfer the adult day care program known as “Patchworks” from the Stamford Health System, Inc. to The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County Incorporated at no associated capital expenditure.

OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Stamford Health System, Inc. (“SHS”) is a nonprofit health care facility and is currently providing adult day care services known as “Patchworks” (“Program”) located at 276 Palmer’s Hill Road in Stamford.
2. SHS is proposing to transfer the Program to The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County, Incorporated (“Jewish Home”).
3. The Program is funded primarily by the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (“DSS”) under its Connecticut Home Care for Elders and Adult Services programs.
4. The Program provides community-based health, social and related support services to functionally impaired adults.

5. The Program requires certification by the Connecticut Association of Adults Day Centers (“CAADC”), Inc. and is subject to various programmatic regulations overseen by the DSS’ subcontractor and access agency, the Southwester Connecticut Agency on Aging, Incorporated (“SWCAA”).
6. The Jewish Home is a Connecticut nonprofit corporation that operates a long-term care facility and provides other specialty programs to residents of Fairfield county and the surrounding communities. The Jewish Home currently provides adult day care services in Fairfield that are certified through CAADC and reimbursed by SWCAA.
7. DSS, in a letter dated June 27, 2006, from Commissioner Patricia Coker-Wilson, JD, MSW, endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
8. DSS stated that adult day care services has been identified as a specific need of Connecticut through the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders and the Adult Services Program. DSS, through its Alternate Care Unit, has determined that access will be maintained and the needs of the Stamford area adult day care clients will continue to be serviced in a satisfactory manner if the Program is transferred to the Jewish Home.
9. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Stamford Health System, Inc.’s request to transfer the adult day care program known as “Patchworks” located at 26 Palmer’s Hill Road in Stamford to The Jewish Home for the Elderly of Fairfield County Incorporated meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Copy: Honorable Patricia Coker-Wilson, JD, MSW, Commissioner, DSS
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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