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Leonard Banco, MD  
Vice President, Strategy and Regional Development  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center  
282 Washington Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 06-30816-DTR  
Connecticut Children's Medical Center  
Affiliation Agreement with Bristol Hospital to Enhance Pediatric Health Care to Patients  
within the Service Areas of Bristol Hospital

Dear Dr. Banco:

On August 11, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter regarding the affiliation agreement between Connecticut Children's Medical Center ("CCMC") and Bristol Hospital ("BH"). OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your letter and makes the following findings:

1. CCMC is an acute care hospital that provides comprehensive pediatric services as a regional center located in Hartford.
2. BH is an acute care hospital located in Bristol. According to the affiliation agreement BH is in need of access to comprehensive pediatric services.
3. CCMC and BH are proposing an affiliation agreement to enhance the inpatient pediatric services provided to patients within the service area of BH.
4. BH will pay CCMC to provide a 0.2 Full Time Equivalent ("FTE") nurse educator/coordinator to help the staff at BH review policies and procedures, assess and improve the environment of pediatric care, and provide pediatric education and training.
5. No change in licensed pediatric bed capacity will occur at either institution as a result of this affiliation agreement.
6. No transfer of ownership or control of BH to CCMC will occur as a result of this affiliation agreement.

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7. This agreement commenced on May 15, 2006. The terms of the affiliation agreement shall be for a period of ten (10) years continuing to the first day of May, 2016. This agreement may be automatically renewed for an additional ten (10) year period.
8. No new health care services and/or relocation of existing health care services will occur as a result of this affiliation agreement.
9. CCMC agrees to admit patients from BH contingent upon acceptance of the patient by an attending physician on the staff of CCMC and the availability of a bed and staff appropriate for the care of the patient.
10. Upon request, CCMC will provide consultation with respect to pediatric cases in BH's Emergency Department.
11. CCMC will assist BH in the development of a quality assurance program related to pediatric care.
12. BH and CCMC will be entitled to use each other's logos and there will be joint marketing efforts.
13. There is no projected capital expenditure associated with this affiliation agreement.

Based on the above findings OHCA has determined that the proposal for the affiliation between CCMC and BH will not include a transfer of ownership or control, increase or decrease of beds or the provision of new health care services pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S. Therefore, CON approval will not be required for the affiliation between CCMC and BH to proceed at this time.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the affiliation between Bristol Hospital and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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