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Ms. Barbara Durdy
Planning & Business Development
Hospital of Saint Raphael
1450 Chapel Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 06-30878-DTR
Hospital of Saint Raphael
Establishment of Two Outpatient Obstetrics and Gynecology Service Satellites

Dear Ms. Durdy:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for a CON Determination Report regarding the establishment of outpatient obstetrics and gynecology service satellites in Branford and either Shelton or Derby with an associated capital expenditure of \$101,207. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. The Hospital of Saint Raphael ("Hospital") is an acute care teaching hospital located in New Haven, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital serves the residents of 22 towns in and around the greater New Haven area.
3. The Hospital is a provider of comprehensive obstetric and gynecological services ("Ob-Gyn") that targets women in the greater New Haven area. Clinical services include general gynecology, prenatal care, ultrasound, and obstetrical services. In New Haven, the outpatient Ob-Gyn services are provided in the Women and Children's Clinic located on the Hospital's main campus.

4. The Hospital recently established a Faculty Practice Plan to:
 - Provide a vehicle for physician billing and reimbursement;
 - Aggregate the management of the Hospital's faculty physicians' practices; and
 - Aggregate the teaching components of the Hospital's residency and fellowship programs.
5. The Faculty Practice Plan, although it has a separate and distinct federal tax identification number, resides within the Hospital's corporate structure as a department of the Hospital. The physicians and other practitioners are employed by the Hospital but bill under the tax identification number for the Faculty Practice Plan.
6. The Hospital is proposing to expand its outpatient Ob-Gyn services by establishing two new satellite locations within its existing service area:
 - 84 North Main Street, Branford; and
 - At a location to be determined in either Derby or Shelton.
7. The physicians and other practitioners of the faculty practice plan will provide the services at each of the proposed locations two or three days per week and bill their professional fees under the tax identification number of the Faculty Practice Plan.
8. The Hospital will be responsible for funding necessary equipment and for the salaries of the employed physicians and other practitioners.
9. The proposal has an associated capital expenditure of \$101,207.
10. The proposal has an estimated start date of March 1, 2007.
11. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution, including any inpatient rehabilitation facility, which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to establish two new outpatient obstetrical and gynecological service locations in Branford and Derby or Shelton, with an associated capital expenditure of \$101,207, represents the establishment of a new service in two new locations. Therefore, the proposal of the Hospital of Saint Raphael to establish Ob-Gyn services in Branford and in either Derby or Shelton requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on with additional information received on January 4, 2007, as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore the Hospital of Saint Raphael may file a completed CON application with OHCA between March 5, 2007 and May 4, 2007. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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