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James Thibeault  
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263 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06030-3802

RE: Certificate of Need Determination 07-30937-DTR  
John Dempsey Hospital  
Proposal for Additional Mobile PET/CT Service Day

Dear Mr. Thibeault:

On March 6, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of John Dempsey Hospital ("Hospital") to add an additional day of mobile position emission tomography/computer tomography ("PET/CT") scanning service at the Hospital at no associated capital expenditure. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. John Dempsey Hospital ("Hospital") proposes to add an additional day of mobile PET/CT scanning service at the Hospital located at 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.
2. On April 18, 2006, under Docket Number 05-30562-CON, OHCA authorized the Hospital to acquire a PET/CT scanner to replace the mobile PET scanner. InSight Health Corporation provides the mobile PET/CT scanner to the Hospital.
3. On August 1, 2001, under Docket Number 01-515, the Hospital was authorized by OHCA to provide mobile PET scanning service on its campus. InSight Health Corporation provided the mobile PET scanner to the Hospital.

4. Condition Number Five of the CON authorization under Docket Number 01-515 states the following:

“5. ”*The future operating schedule between the Hospital[s] and InSight Health Corporation shall be established based on joint operating needs and shall be at their discretion.*

5. The Hospital stated that a second service day will reduce waiting time and provide additional capacity for the service.

6. Section 19a-639, Connecticut General Statutes, states, in part, that a request for approval from OHCA is required to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the additional day of mobile PET/CT scanning service at the Hospital, at no associated capital expenditure, does not require OHCA approval. Therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required for John Dempsey Hospital to provide an additional day of mobile PET/CT scanning service on its campus at 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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