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Andrea Rynn
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The Danbury Hospital
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30971-DTR
Expansion of Danbury Hospital's Existing Electrophysiology Program to Include
Diagnostic and Ablative EPS Services

Dear Ms. Rynn:

On May 25, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding expansion of Danbury Hospital's existing Electrophysiology program to include diagnostic and ablative EPS services, at a total capital expenditure of \$534,473. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Danbury Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital located at 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is proposing to expand its existing Electrophysiology program to include diagnostic and ablative EPS services.
3. On July 23, 2004, OHCA through an agreed settlement under Docket No.: 03-30143-CON approved the Hospital to perform elective and primary angioplasty services, as well as open heart surgery.
4. On February 2, 2006, under CON Determination Report No.: 05-30660-DTR, OHCA determined that the Hospital did not require a CON to begin implanting Implantable Cardioconverter Defibrillators ("ICDs") and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy devices with defibrillators ("CRT-Ds").
5. The Hospital currently provides a full service, non-invasive diagnostic electrophysiology service, including Holster monitors, transtelephonic monitors with and without memory loops, head up tilt test, and electrocardiograms with analysis.

6. Additionally, the Hospital provides cardiac device implantation in the catheterization laboratory or operating room for bradyarrhythmias, including cardiac pacemaker devices, with single or dual lead pacemakers and arrhythmia diagnostic devices.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$534,473, which is as follows:

Equipment	Cost
Major Medical Equipment	\$481,333
IT Connectivity	\$53,140
Total	\$537,473

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed expansion of the Hospital's existing Electrophysiology program to include diagnostic and ablative EPS services, at a total capital expenditure of \$534,473 is not considered a new service for the Hospital, as the Hospital currently operates a full-service cardiac program including angioplasty and open-heart service. Therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statute.

Thank you for informing OHCA of the Hospital's plans to offer the proposed service, however, no Certificate of Need is required. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Sandra C. Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, Facility Licensing & Investigations Section, DPH

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