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July 30, 2007

Jay Pinsince
V.P. Administration
Rushford Center Inc.
Hartford Healthcare Corporation
384 Pratt Street
Meriden, CT 06450

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-30995-EXM
Rushford Center Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Termination of service for Medical Triage at 1250 Silver Street, Middletown

Dear Mr. Pinsince:

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 terminate its service for Medical Triage located at 1250 Silver Street, Middletown, CT.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Rushford Center Inc. ("RC") is a non-profit facility providing substance abuse services at 1250 Silver Street, Middletown, Connecticut. RC has a current contract with The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
2. RC is proposing to drop the category Medical Triage from its current substance abuse service license at 1250 Silver Street, Middletown, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated July 3, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Rushford Center Inc., to terminate its medical triage service license for substance abusing adults at 1250 Silver Street in Middletown. The facility will serve its primary area in Middlesex County.

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4. DMHAS states that elimination of this service license will not affect service delivery since RC will continue to perform non-medical triage services as has been the case from the time of license issuance. These services will be provided under RC's substance abuse license for detoxification services which DMHAS currently funds.
5. There is no associated capital expenditure with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Rushford Center Inc.'s request to drop the category Medical Triage from its current substance abuse service license at 1250 Silver Street, Middletown 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 Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst, or Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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