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August 15, 2007

Margaret Flinter, APRN
Vice President and Clinical Director
Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 07-31010-EXM
Community Health Center d/b/a Norwalk Smiles Enfield Mobile Dental
Establish a Community Health Center School Mobile Dental Program in Norwalk and
Enfield

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On July 24, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a Community Health Center School Mobile Dental Program in Norwalk and Enfield.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") d/b/a Norwalk Smiles Enfield Mobile Dental ("NSEMD") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC").
2. On July 24, 2007, NSEMD submitted an exemption form to OHCA to establish a Community Health Center School Mobile Dental Program in Norwalk and Enfield, Connecticut.
3. NSEMD is proposing to provide dental services located at:
 - Brien McMahon High School, 300 Highland Avenue, Norwalk;
 - Norwalk High School, 23 Calvin Murphy Drive, Norwalk;
 - Thomas G. Alcorn School, 1010 Enfield Street, Enfield;
 - Enfield High School, 1264 Enfield Street, Enfield; and
 - John F. Kennedy Middle School, 155 Raffla Road, Enfield.

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4. The services provided by NSEMD are dental screenings/assessments, Oral Health Education, x-rays, sealants, and referrals for dental home.
5. Community Health Center, Inc. receives funds from the Department of Public Health.
6. NSEMD sites are located in designated medically underserved population areas or derive more than half of its patients from a designated medically underserved population area.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$80,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Community Health Center, Inc. d/b/a Norwalk Smiles Enfield Mobile Dental to establish a Community Health Center School Mobile Dental Program in Norwalk and Enfield, Connecticut meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst, or Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc:

Rose McLellan, DPH

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