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January 31, 2008

Joseph J. Sullivan, LCSW
President/CEO
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
38 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31089-EXM
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Obtain an Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification License in Danbury

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

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 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to obtain an Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification License in Danbury.

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

1. Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc. ("MCCA") is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
2. MCCA is proposing to provide ambulatory detoxification outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults at 38 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated January 9, 2008, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons-ambulatory detoxification treatment for adults at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury, CT. The program will serve primarily the Greater Danbury area and secondarily Regions 1 (Southwest) and 5 (West and Northwest).

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4. DMHAS states that the ambulatory detoxification program located at 38 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury will serve clients with opiate addiction who do not meet inpatient medically managed detoxification criteria. The proposed program will serve 100 unduplicated clients annually, targeting specifically younger adults age 18 to 29 who are opiod addicted. MCCA is funded under DMHAS' Humans Services contract and General Assistance program.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.'s request to establish an ambulatory chemical detoxification outpatient substance abuse treatment service at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on January 31, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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