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February 5, 2008

Ludwig M. Spinelli
CEO
Optimus Health Care, Inc.
982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31090-EXM
Optimus Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Bridgeport Community Health Center
Establish a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults in Bridgeport, Stamford and Stratford

Dear Mr. Spinelli:

On January 25, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults in Bridgeport, Stamford and Stratford, Connecticut.

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

1. Optimus Health Care, Inc. ("OHC") d/b/a Bridgeport Community Health Center is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located at 982 East Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. Optimus Health Care, Inc., d/b/a Bridgeport Health Care Center is proposing to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at the following locations:
 - Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, 982 East Street, Bridgeport,
 - Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, 471 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Park City Primary Care Center, 64 Black Rock Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Ralphola Taylor Community Health Center, 790 Central Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Stamford Community Health Center, 137 Henry Street, Stamford,
 - Stamford Community Health Center, 245 Selleck Street, Stamford, and
 - Stratford Community Health Center, 727 Honeyspot Road, Stratford.

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3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated January 23, 2008, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for Optimus Health Care, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at the above locations.
4. DMHAS states that these seven sites will serve Bridgeport, Stamford and Stratford. Optimus is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing one stop shopping for primary care and mental health services. Optimus Health Center, Inc. plans to provide mental health outpatient services to a total of 2,475 clients, serving 2,000 clients in Bridgeport, 356 clients in Stamford and 119 clients in Stratford.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Optimus Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Bridgeport Community Health Center’s request to establish psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults at the seven locations listed above meets the exemption requirements of Sections 19a-639b 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 February 5, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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