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June 13, 2008

David Kaufman
Chief Executive Officer
Robbins Eye Center
4695 Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606

Re: CON Determination Report 08-31177-DTR
Robbins Eye Center
Proposal to Perform Renovations to Ambulatory Surgery Center

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

On June 3, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination Form 2020 concerning the proposal of Robbins Eye Center to perform renovations to its facility at a proposed capital expenditure of \$260,000. Upon review of the information contained in Form 2020, OHCA finds the following:

1. Robbins Eye Center, P.C. d/b/a Robbins Eye Center (“Center”) is an ambulatory surgery center located at 4695 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT.
2. The Center is a single-specialty outpatient surgical facility that performs ophthalmic surgeries and procedures.
3. The Center proposes to perform renovations to its physical space in order to add additional space to:
 - Reception and waiting areas;
 - Pre- and post-operating care areas;
 - Soiled holdings room; and
 - Private practice areas.
4. No changes will be performed in the operating rooms or the sterile corridor.
5. The total capital expenditure for the proposal is \$260,000. The renovations will cost approximately \$185,000 and the equipment and furniture will cost approximately \$75,000.
6. The proposal does not involve any change in the services to be provided at the Center.

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7. The Center will continue to provide care to the same target patient population.
8. Current payers for the Center's services are commercial insurance companies and government payers, e.g. Medicare and Medicaid.
9. Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes states, in part, that:

each health care facility or institution proposing (1) a capital expenditure exceeding three million dollars, (2) to purchase, lease or accept donation of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, in excess of three million dollars, or (3) to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance of the proposed initiation date of such project.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Robbins Eye Center's proposal to perform renovations and acquire equipment and furniture at a total proposed capital expenditure of \$260,000 does not require Certificate of Need approval. Should the Center propose any addition or change in the services it provides or propose a capital expenditure in excess of three million dollars or acquire major medical equipment pursuant to Section 19a-639, the Center shall file with OHCA appropriate documentation regarding its proposal, including either a Certificate of Need Determination Request or a Certificate of Need Letter of Intent.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter or the Certificate of Need process, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissior Vogel on June 13, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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