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Dennis McConville  
Senior Vice President Strategic  
and Operation Planning  
Manchester Memorial Hospital  
71 Haynes Street  
Manchester, CT 06040

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31185-DTR  
Manchester Memorial Hospital  
Expansion of its Wound Care Services to include Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy  
Services at Manchester Memorial

Dear Mr. McConville:

On September 2, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Application regarding the expansion of its wound care services to include hyperbaric oxygen therapy services at Manchester Memorial Hospital, with an associated capital expenditure of \$410,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal and makes the following findings:

1. Manchester Memorial Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital located at 71 Haynes Street, Manchester, Connecticut. The Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
2. According to the Hospital, they currently provide wound care treatments, including dressing changes and topical ointment applications to patients. Eastern Connecticut Health Network ("ECHN") has been evaluating the wound care services provided at the Hospital for several years, and has been exploring opportunities to enhance that level of care to provide patients with the highest standard of care possible.
3. The Hospital is proposing the expansion of its wound care program to include hyperbaric oxygen therapy ("HBOT") services and associated major medical equipment, located at 71 Haynes Street in Manchester, Connecticut.

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4. The Hospital proposes to acquire the Perry Sigma 34 monoplace hyperbaric oxygen chamber equipment which includes two monoplace chambers at a cost of \$210,000.
5. The Hospital states that the proposal will expand the program to five days per week and follow a physician-based model allowing the surgical debridement and hyperbaric oxygen therapy in addition to the services currently provided. Most hospitals that offer an organized wound care program have moved to this comprehensive physician model, making it the standard of care for treating patients with difficult to heal wounds.
6. The Hospital indicates that as a result of this proposal, there will be:
  - no change in location of the existing service site; and
  - no change in the payer mix for the services.
7. The cost of the proposal is as follows: \$5,000 for the medical equipment, \$210,000 for the major medical equipment, \$17,500 for non-medical equipment, \$27,500 for other non-construction design cost, and \$150,000 for the associated construction and renovation, at a combined total capital expenditure of \$410,000.
8. The Hospital will continue to be the entity providing wound care services to their patients and will be responsible for billing the technical component for all services. The individual physicians participating in the program will be responsible for billing the professional services separately.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Manchester Memorial Hospital's proposal for the expansion of its wound care services to include hyperbaric oxygen therapy services and associated major medical equipment at Manchester Memorial Hospital, with a total capital expenditure of \$410,000, does not require CON approval, Pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes. The proposal involves the purchase of major medical equipment at a total capital expenditure which is less than \$3 million.

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, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 18, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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