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July 3, 2008

Andrea Rynn
Director, Public and Government Relations
The Danbury Hospital
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 08-31194-DTR
The Danbury Hospital
Termination of Partial Hospitalization Program and Transfer of Patients to
Intensive Outpatient Program in Danbury

Dear Ms. Rynn:

On June 24, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the termination of a Partial Hospitalization Program and transfer of patients to an Intensive Outpatient Program in Danbury, with no associated capital expenditure. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. The Danbury Hospital ("Hospital") is a general hospital located at 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury.
2. The Hospital currently provides outpatient psychiatric care, including a Partial Hospitalization Program ("PHP") and Intensive Outpatient Program ("IOP"), at its Community Center for Behavioral Health at 152 West Street, Danbury.
3. The Hospital proposes to terminate the PHP due to the amount of staff time that must be dedicated to regulatory compliance documentation and paperwork
4. The Hospital indicated that it would transfer its existing PHP patients to the IOP level of care.

5. The Hospital stated that the only difference in actual care associated with the proposal would be that instead of offering patients 4 ½ hours of care, five days a week under the PHP, the Hospital would offer patients 3 ½ hours of care, five days a week under the IOP.
6. The target population for the PHP is adults from the Hospital's primary service area, with psychiatric disorders, who are recently discharged from inpatient hospitalization or whose symptoms have exacerbated and who come to the program to avoid an inpatient hospitalization. The target population will not change with the proposal and the Hospital anticipates treating the same number of patients as currently enrolled.
7. There is no expenditure associated with the proposal.
8. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 (a) (3) of the C.G.S., each health care facility which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility shall submit to OHCA a request to undertake such termination.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the termination of a Partial Hospitalization Program and transfer of patients to an Intensive Outpatient Program in Danbury, with no associated capital expenditure, represents the termination of a service. Consequently, the proposal requires Certificate of Need approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on June 24, 2008, as the Letter of Intent for this matter. Therefore, the Hospital, may file a completed CON application with OHCA between August 23, 2008 and October 22, 2008. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Kimberly Martone, Certificate of Need Supervisor, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on July 3, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR

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