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COMMISSIONER

July 25, 2008

Stuart Waldstreicher, MD
Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC
778 Long Ridge Road
Stamford, CT 06902

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31203-DTR
Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC
Proposal to Admit Additional Physicians as Members of Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC

Dear Dr. Waldstreicher:

On July 11, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received the completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request regarding the proposal to admit additional physicians as members of Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC with no associated capital expenditure. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal in light of Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes and makes the following findings:

1. Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC ("Petitioner" or "Center") is an outpatient endoscopy center located at 778 Long Ridge Road, Stamford. The Center provides colonoscopy and gastroscopy procedures.
2. The Center is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
3. The Center is owned and controlled solely by its four physician-members.
4. The Petitioner is proposing to admit additional physicians as members to provide gastroenterology services at the Center. Each new member will be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Connecticut.

5. The Petitioner stated that as a result of this proposal, there will be:

- No change in the scope of type of services provided;
- No change in location of the existing service site ;
- No changes in the towns served by the Center; and
- No change in the payer mix for the services.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Diagnostic Endoscopy, LLC's proposal to admit additional physician-members at no capital expenditure will not result in a change in the ownership or control at the Center as each new member will be a licensed physician. There is also no proposed change to the scope of services or the location of the Center. Therefore, Certificate of Need approval by the OHCA is not required.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on July 25, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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