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October 6, 2008

Raymond J. Gorman
President and CEO
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.
29 Russell Street
New Britain, CT 06052

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31237-EXM
Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. d/b/a Highlands Building
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 17a-678 C.G.S.
Termination of Substance Abuse Residential Detoxification License/Beds in New Britain

Dear Mr. Gorman:

On September 17, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Sections 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), of the termination of substance abuse residential detoxification license in New Britain.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. ("CMHA") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment throughout various locations in Connecticut.
2. CMHA is proposing to close its 16 substance abuse residential detoxification beds located at 33 Highland Street, 5th Floor in New Britain, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received September 9, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc. to terminate its substance abuse residential detoxification license at 33 Highland Street in New Britain, CT.

4. DMHAS states that elimination of the service license will not adversely affect service access to residential detoxification care in the region as there exist excess capacity within the residential detoxification level of care in the geographic region.
5. DMHAS states that CMHA is a DMHAS funded agency and it serves the Greater Hartford/New Britain area.
6. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Mental Health Affiliates, Inc.'s request to terminate its substance abuse residential detoxification license at 33 Highland Street in New Britain, CT., meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process.

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 October 6, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, Assistant Commissioner, DMHAS
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