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RE: Certificate of Need Determination Request; Report Number: 08-31249-CON
MidState Medical Center's Proposal to Relocate Five Existing Outpatient Care
Programs/Services to 61 Pomeroy Avenue in Meriden

Dear Ms. Goyette:

On October 10, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination Request concerning the relocation of five existing outpatient care programs/services to 61 Pomeroy Avenue in Meriden, at a proposed capital expenditure of \$838,000. OHCA requested and received additional information with respect to this matter on October 31, 2008. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. MidState Medical Center ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital providing inpatient and outpatient services at its 435 Lewis Avenue site on the west side of Meriden. The Hospital has operated at its current site for 10 years.
2. The Hospital, also, operates two outpatient care programs/services at its East Campus, located at 883 Paddock Avenue on the east side of Meriden.
3. The Hospital proposes to relocate five outpatient care programs/services to a single location at 61 Pomeroy Avenue on the east side of Meriden.

4. The outpatient care programs/services earmarked for relocation are as follows:

Programs/Services Affected with Current Locations

Program/Service	Current Location	Type of Service
Mediquick	883 Paddock Avenue	Urgent Care/Walk-in Center
Infectious Disease/Travel Clinic	883 Paddock Avenue	Clinic
Sleep Care	435 Lewis Avenue	Sleep Lab
Wound Care	435 Lewis Avenue	HBO Chambers/Wound Clinic
Diabetes Education	435 Lewis Avenue	Patient Education

5. The current landlord at the East Campus location has expressed an interest in utilizing the entire building, which will require the Hospital to relocate its Mediquick and the Infectious Disease/Travel Clinic.
6. The Hospital indicated that the program/service relocations will:
- a. Improve access to meet the needs of the Hospital's outpatient population;
 - b. Improve the operating efficiencies of the outpatient care programs/services originating at the Hospital's East Campus location as the current layout of these operations have become operationally inefficient; and
 - c. Improve the amount of space and the facility layout of the outpatient care programs/services originating at the Hospital's main campus location as the current space has become too confining and is removed from other core outpatient activities.
7. The proposal satisfies the following formal actions:
- a. The June 22, 1995, approved agreed settlement under Docket Number: 92-567, which allowed for the construction of a new hospital facility on Lewis Avenue in Meriden between the Commission on Hospital and Health Care (predecessor to the Office of Health Care Access) and Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Meriden-Wallingford Community Corporation and Connecticut Health Systems, Inc. Stipulations 1, 3 and 8 allowed, in relevant part, for the following:
 - 1. The size and location of the Lewis Avenue site, which were further described in more detail in **Attachment 1** of the agreed settlement; and
 - 2. The continuation of outpatient care programs/services at various locations other than the approved Lewis Avenue site.

- b. **Attachment 1** of the agreed settlement under Docket Number: 92-567 provided Special Act Number: 95-4. The act of the Connecticut General Assembly addressed the conveyance of a parcel of state land in the city of Meriden whose use was earmarked for the construction of the new Meriden hospital. Section 1, (e), (6) states:

“For a period of not less than twenty years after the conveyance contemplated under this section, the Grantee shall cause a primary care or urgent care presence to be maintained in the area commonly known as the east side of the City of Meriden, as approved or required by the Commission on Hospitals and Health Care.”

8. The Hospital indicates that the landmark used by the state to differentiate the area known as the east side of Meriden from the area known as the west side of Meriden was the railroad track corridor running north to south through the center of the city.
9. The proposed site for the relocated outpatient care programs/services will remain on the east side of Meriden.
10. At this juncture the Hospital has satisfied 10 of its 20 year commitment to the provisions of a primary care/urgent care presence for the east side of Meriden.
11. The proposed relocation will permit the Hospital to continue with the requirement to provide primary/urgent care services for the east side of Meriden, as stipulated by the Connecticut General Assembly, pursuant to Special Act: 95-4.
12. The following mileage data identifies the relative distances between the following sites: Hospital, the existing O/P and proposed O/P care programs/services.
 - a. Hospital and current outpatient care programs/services site = 3.39 miles
 - b. Hospital and proposed outpatient care programs/services site = 4.42 miles
 - c. Current and proposed outpatient care programs/services sites = 1.71 miles
13. The Hospital will not own or operate the facility at 61 Pomeroy Avenue. The Hospital will lease departmental space based on identified outpatient care program/service needs.
14. The target population for the affected programs/services will remain unchanged from the existing population served.
15. There is expected to be no change to the existing payer mix for the affected programs/services.

16. The capital cost for the relocation project totals \$838,000 and consists of \$625,000 for renovation work, \$150,000 for non-medical equipment purchases and 63,000 for other project costs.

With respect to the proposal's compliance with OHCA's CON authorization under Docket Number: 92-567 and with Special Act Number: 95-4, OHCA determines the following:

- a. The rationale of utilizing the railroad track corridor running north to south through the center of Meriden to differentiate the area known as the east side of Meriden from the area known as the west side of Meriden remains unchanged; and
- b. The program/service relocations will permit the Hospital to remain in compliance with the requirement to provide primary/urgent care services for the east side of Meriden, as stipulated by the Connecticut General Assembly, pursuant to Special Act: 95-4.

Based on the findings above, OHCA determines that the MidState Medical Center's proposal to relocate five of its outpatient care programs/services does not require Certificate of Need approval to proceed with the planned relocations.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jack A. Huber, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 6, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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