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November 10, 2008

Chad Wable
Executive Vice President, Strategy Development and System Operations
Saint Mary's Hospital
56 Franklin Street
Waterbury, CT 06706

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31251-DTR
Saint Mary's Hospital
Acquisition of a Replacement Computer Tomography Scanner

Dear Mr. Wable:

On October 15, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Saint Mary's Hospital ("SMH") for the acquisition of a replacement Computer Tomography ("CT") scanner at a total capital expenditure of \$404,000. Upon review of this matter, OHCA finds the following:

- 1) SMH is an acute care hospital located at 56 Franklin Street, Waterbury and is considered a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2) SMH is proposing to acquire a Philips 16-Slice CT scanner at a total capital expenditure of \$404,000 to replace its existing Philips PQ-2000 CT scanner.
- 3) SMH currently operates two CT scanners. Under a CON Waiver Request, Docket No.: 04-30413-WVR, OHCA authorized SMH to replace its existing CT scanner originally acquired under OHCA's CON Docket No.: 92-584.
- 4) The proposed single slice Philips PQ-2000 single slice CT scanner never received CON authorization from OHCA.
- 5) Pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states, in part:

(a) Except as provided in sections 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive, each health care facility or institution, including, but not limited to, any inpatient rehabilitation facility, any health care facility or institution or any state health care facility or institution proposing (1) a capital expenditure exceeding three million dollars, (2) to purchase, lease or accept donation of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as

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defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, in excess of three million dollars, or (3) to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance of the proposed initiation date of such project..

Based on the above findings, Saint Mary's Hospital does not have a CON authorization for the proposed CT scanner. Therefore, pursuant to 19a-639 C.G.S., CON authorization is required for Saint Mary's Hospital for acquisition of the proposed CT scanner. Saint Mary's Hospital may file a Letter of Intent with Office of Health Care Access to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 10, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Enclosure

CAV: swl

Copy: Sandra C. Bauer, Licensing Examination Assistant, Facility Licensing & Investigations, DPH