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November 5, 2008

Laurence A. Kirwan, MD
Fairfield County Surgical Center
605 West Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31259-DTR
Dr. Laurence A. Kirwan, Fairfield County Surgical Center
Relocation of Existing Outpatient Surgical Center within Norwalk

Dear Dr. Kirwan:

On October 30, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the relocation of an existing outpatient surgical center from 605 West Avenue, Norwalk to 168 East Avenue, Norwalk, at a proposed capital expenditure of \$1,000,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Fairfield County Surgical Center ("FCSC") is an outpatient surgical facility that provides outpatient services for plastic and reconstructive surgery. It has been located at 605 West Avenue, Norwalk since 1994.
2. Fairfield County Surgical Center ("FCSC") received an exception from the Certificate of Need process on July 21, 2003, pursuant to Public Act 03-0274 and under Docket Number 03-30112-DTR.
3. The FCSC has been licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health as an outpatient surgical facility since March 2007.
4. The FCSC lease expires in October 2009. The FCSC proposes to relocate to 148 East Avenue, Norwalk.
5. The FCSC will not be providing any new services.

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6. The FCSC services patients from Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Wilton, and Westport. The target population for the service will be the same as the existing population.
7. The associated capital expenditure for relocation of the CT scanner is \$1,000,000 and includes \$275,000 for medical equipment, \$25,000 for non-medical equipment, \$500,000 for land/building purchase, and \$200,000 for construction and renovation.

Based on the findings above, OHCA has determined that the relocation of the Fairfield County Surgical Center within Norwalk does not introduce any additional function or service or represent the termination of a health service offered by the facility pursuant to Section 19a-638, Connecticut General Statutes, and does not require Certificate of Need approval.

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

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 5, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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