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February 3, 2009

Marjorie A. Berry
Chief Executive Officer
East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc.
94 Connecticut Boulevard
East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31302-EXM
East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc.
EASTCONN Vernon Head Start Portable Dental Hygiene Services Program

Dear Ms. Berry:

On December 17, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), for the establishment of an outpatient dental hygiene services program at the EASTCONN Vernon Head Start Program located at 23 Elm Street, Vernon, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc. ("EHCHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") with the following three locations:
 - East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc., 94 Connecticut Boulevard, East Hartford;
 - Vernon Community Health Services, 3 Prospect Street, Vernon; and
 - Manchester Community Health Services, 150 North Main Street, Manchester.
2. EHCHC proposes to establish an outpatient dental hygiene services program at the EASTCONN Vernon Head Start Program located at 23 Elm Street, Vernon, Connecticut.
3. Services will be offered on a periodic basis in order to provide access to dental hygiene services to Head Start participants two times per year. Participation in the program will be determined by the child's parent or legal guardian.

4. The dental hygiene services will be provided by a licensed dental hygienist employed by EHCHC and supervised by EHCHC's Manchester Community Health Services Dental Site Director who is a licensed Dentist.
5. The dental hygienist will use portable dental hygiene equipment owned by EHCHC.
6. The service will be operated under the EHCHC's Manchester Community Health Services outpatient clinic license.
7. Vernon has been designated as a health professional shortage area by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
8. There is no associated capital expenditure, as EHCHC will use existing equipment.
9. The operation of the clinic will begin in February 2009.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of East Hartford Community HealthCare, Inc. to establish an outpatient dental hygiene services program at the EASTCONN Vernon Head Start Program located at 23 Elm Street, Vernon, Connecticut, meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on February 3, 2009

Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH

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