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Ludwig M. Spinelli
CEO
Optimus Health Care, Inc.
982 East Main Street
Bridgeport, CT 06608

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31311-EXM
Optimus Health Care, Inc.
Establish 9 School Based Health Centers in Bridgeport

Dear Mr. Spinelli:

On February 13, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of nine school based health centers in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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

1. Optimus Health Care, Inc. ("OHC") is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located at 982 East Main Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. OHC under a grant award from the Department of Public Health ("DPH") will operate 10 school based health centers, 9 of which were previously run by the City of Bridgeport. OHC has run the 10th site for Dunbar School, 790 Central Avenue, Bridgeport.
3. OHC states that five of the schools will be operated via a subcontract to the Southwest Community Health Center ("SWCHC").

4. OHC is proposing to establish nine school based health centers at the following locations:
 - Bassick High School, (SWCHC), 1185 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Blackham School, (SWCHC), 425 Thorne Street, Bridgeport,
 - Central High School, (SWCHC), 1 Lincoln Blvd., Bridgeport,
 - Read School, (SWCHC), 130 Ezra Street, Bridgeport,
 - Roosevelt School, (SWCHC), 680 Park Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Harding High School, (OHC), 1734 Central Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - Columbus School, (OHC), 160 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport,
 - JFK Campus, (OHC), 700 Palisade Avenue, Bridgeport, and
 - Luis Munoz Marin School, (OHC), 479 Helen Street, Bridgeport.
5. OHC will provide comprehensive medical and dental services at all of the above schools.
6. The clinics will be located entirely on the property of each of the above schools.
7. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.
8. The operation of the clinics will begin in March 2009.
9. The proposed clinics will be licensed by DPH as Outpatient Clinics.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Optimus Health Care, Inc.'s request to establish nine school based health centers at the nine locations listed above meets the exemption requirements of Sections 19a-639 (e) 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on March 4, 2009

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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