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July 23, 2009

Via Facsimile Only

Jean Ahn
System Director
Yale-New Haven Hospital
20 York Street
New Haven, CT 06504

Re: CON Determination Report Number 09-31406-DTR
Yale-New Haven Hospital
Establishment of Outpatient Cardiac Stress and Nuclear Medicine Ancillary
Services in Branford, Pursuant to Public Act 09-232, Connecticut General Statutes

Dear Ms. Ahn:

On July 14, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Yale-New Haven Hospital ("YNHH") to establish outpatient cardiac stress and nuclear medicine ancillary services in Branford, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. YNHH is an acute care hospital located at 20 York Street in New Haven, Connecticut.
2. YNHH currently offers cardiology services on an outpatient basis.
3. The Petitioner is seeking to convert a portion of an existing Yale Medical Group outpatient cardiology practice to a provider-based YNHH based outpatient department.
4. The Petitioner contends that the proposed arrangement will provide better alignment, organization and coordination of outpatient cardiology services.
5. YNHH contends to assume the equipment and a portion of the space leased by Yale Medical Group practice in Branford that currently provides cardiac stress testing and nuclear medicine testing.

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6. The current and the target population to be served by the physician practices include the town of Branford, which is within the area served by YNHH's Shoreline Medical Center.
7. The Petitioner contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$106,500.
8. Pursuant to Public Act 09-232 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.):

"Each short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill that on July 1, 2009, is providing outpatient services,that thereafter proposes to provide such services at an alternative location within the primary service area of the health care facility or institution, shall be exempt from the certificate of need requirements prescribed in subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act, ..."

9. OHCA finds that YNHH currently offers cardiology services on an outpatient basis and that the town of Branford is within YNHH's primary service area.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Yale-New Haven Hospital's proposal to establish outpatient cardiology services in Branford, Connecticut meets the exemption requirements under Public Act 09-232 and therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Attachment

C: Rose McClellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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