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Via Facsimile Only

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Stamford, CT 06904

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Chief Executive Officer  
Optimus Health Care, Inc.  
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Bridgeport, CT 06608

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report No.:09-31417-DTR  
Relocation of a Pediatric Clinic within the City of Stamford

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Spinelli;

On July 29, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination regarding the proposed relocation of Optimus Health Care, Inc. ("Optimus") pediatric clinic within the city of Stamford. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

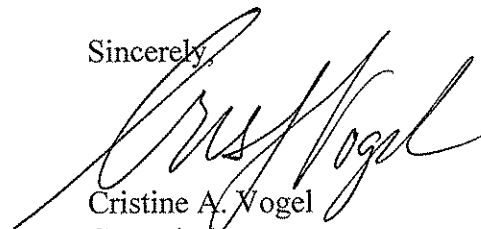
1. Optimus is a federally qualified health center ("FQHC"), which has been operating in Fairfield County for over 30 years.
2. Under CON Final Decision Docket No.: 06-30764-CON, The Stamford Hospital ("TSH") and Optimus transferred the ownership and control of four (4) ambulatory care clinics, including the Leslie Roslyn Goldstein Children's Health Center ("Pediatric Clinic") from TSH to Optimus. OHCA also approved the relocation of the four clinics to 1351 Washington Boulevard in Stamford, Connecticut.
3. Optimus proposes to relocate the proposed Pediatric Clinic from 1351 Washington Boulevard to 805 Atlantic Street, within the city of Stamford.
4. Optimus contends that the services of the Pediatric Clinic will be consolidated with other pediatric services Optimus provides at the Atlantic Street location to achieve efficiencies and other economies of scale.

5. Optimus contends The Atlantic street location has sufficient excess space and capacity to accommodate the new patients.
6. Optimus asserts that almost all professional and support staff of the Pediatric Clinic will transfer over to the new appointment or services. .
7. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Optimus Health Care, Inc. is not establishing an additional function or service, terminating an existing service or incurring a capital expenditure in excess of the statutory threshold of \$3,000,000. Accordingly, Optimus Health Care, Inc.'s proposal to relocate its existing pediatric clinic from 1351 Washington boulevard to 805 Atlantic Street, within the city of Stamford, does not require Certificate of Need approval pursuant to General Statutes § 19a-638 or 19a-639.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, DPH

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