



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

December 22, 2009

Martin J. Gavin
President and Chief Executive Officer
Connecticut Children's Medical Center
282 Washington Street
Hartford, CT 06106

VIA FAX ONLY
860.545.8560

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 09-31479-DTR
Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Proposal to Provide Outpatient Infusion Therapy at the Waterbury Unit

Dear Mr. Gavin:

On December 3, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding the proposal to add an additional location for the provision of outpatient infusion therapy services to pediatric patients, with no associated capital expenditure. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Connecticut Children's Medical Center ("CCMC") is a freestanding children's hospital located at 282 Washington Street in Hartford, Connecticut. It is licensed at 103 beds and 32 bassinets. CCMC is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
2. The CCMC Waterbury Unit at Saint Mary's Hospital ("Waterbury Unit") is a licensed satellite office of CCMC.
3. The Hospital proposes to add an additional location for the provision of outpatient infusion therapy services to pediatric patients with blood disorders at the Waterbury Unit.
4. At the Waterbury Unit, the Hospital currently provides a full range of inpatient care for patients diagnosed with blood disorders, including acute pain management, blood transfusions, antibiotic therapy, and all other services that are ancillary to the treatment of pediatric inpatients with blood disorders.

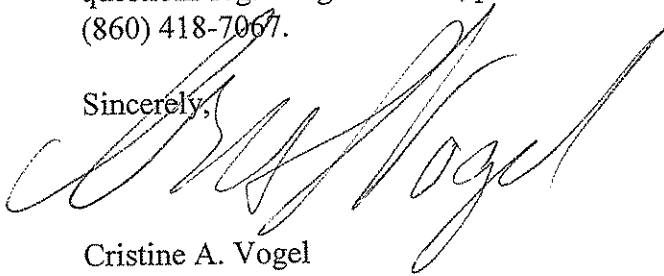
5. The health care providers and equipment that are required to provide inpatient services to blood disorder patients at CCMC's Waterbury Unit can also be used to provide outpatient infusion therapy services.
6. The proposal has no associated capital expenditure.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for you to proceed with the proposal, pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as no new services are being proposed and the capital expenditure is below the \$3,000,000 Certificate of Need statutory threshold.

Please be advised, in the future, if there is a proposal to implement new or additional health care services or a capital expenditure above \$3,000,000 to be incurred, the Petitioner is required to seek further approval from OHCA.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7067.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Deputy Commissioner

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