



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

April 28, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Mary S. Nescott, MPH
Director of Quality Management
Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc.
435 East Main Street
Ansonia, CT 06401

RE: Certificate of Need Exemption; Report Number 10-31591-EXM
Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. d/b/a Birmingham Group Health Services
Extension Clinic
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 19a-639b C.G.S.
Termination of Psychiatric Outpatient Facility for Adults in Derby

Dear Ms. Nescott:

On April 12, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the CON process for the closure of a psychiatric outpatient facility located at 111 New Haven Avenue, Bradley Pond, Derby, Connecticut, with no associated capital cost. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal and makes the following findings:

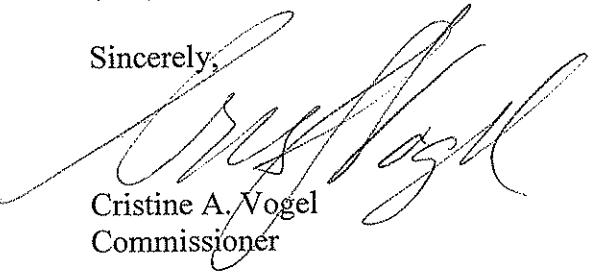
1. Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. ("BGHS") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at various locations in Connecticut. BGHS is under contract with The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
2. BGHS is proposing to terminate its psychiatric outpatient treatment license for adults located at 111 New Haven Avenue, Bradley Pond, Derby, (Birmingham Group Health Services Extension Clinic) and consolidate services at 435 East Main Street, Ansonia which is BGHS's primary outpatient location. The 435 East Main Street location is already licensed as a psychiatric outpatient treatment facility for adults.
3. BGHS indicates that the majority of clients currently receiving services at the Derby site are concurrently enrolled in medication management services in Ansonia so they are familiar with the service location.

4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received April 20, 2010, from Chief Operating Officer Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes for Birmingham Group Health Services, Inc. to terminate psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 111 New Haven Avenue, Bradley Pond, Derby, CT.
5. The DMHAS letter states that BGHS indicates that services currently located at the New Haven Avenue site will be provided at the 435 East Main Street clinic, with no reduction in clinical staff or service capacity.
6. DMHAS also states that the 435 East Main Street clinic is located two and one-half miles from the New Haven Avenue clinic and there are no access concerns in this geographic area.
7. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to terminate the psychiatric outpatient treatment program for adults at Birmingham Group Health Services Extension Clinic located at 111 New Haven Avenue, Bradley Pond, Derby, CT., meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b 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, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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