



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

January 27, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Sally Herlihy, FACHE
Vice President Planning
Western Connecticut Health Network, Inc.
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 11-31739-DTR
Western Connecticut Health Network d/b/a The Danbury Hospital
The Danbury Hospital to Divest its Outpatient Renal Dialysis Services to DaVita
Dialysis

Dear Ms. Herlihy:

On January 24, 2012, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed determination request on behalf of Western Connecticut Health Network d/b/a The Danbury Hospital ("Hospital") with respect to whether a certificate of need ("CON") is required for the Hospital to divest its outpatient renal dialysis services to DaVita Dialysis. The Hospital will continue to provide inpatient dialysis services and the outpatient dialysis services will continue to be provided at the same location through a clinical services agreement with DaVita Dialysis.

Based upon the information provided, OHCA has determined that the proposal does not require CON approval as it does not involve a transfer of ownership or a termination of service under General Statutes §19a-638(b)(9), as amended by Public Act 11-183.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kimberly R. Martone".

Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations