



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

August 17, 2012

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Janette Polaski  
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CONNCare, Inc.  
112 Lafayette Street  
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need, Report No.: 12-31779-DTR  
CONNCare, Inc.  
Closure of Primary Care/Walk-in Services at the Backus Plainfield Center

Dear Ms. Polaski:

On August 2, 2012, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request on behalf of CONNCare, Inc., ("CONNCare") with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for termination of adult primary care and walk-in services at the Backus Plainfield Medical Center ("BPMC") on December 1, 2012.

Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 19a-639e sets forth the actions for a proposed termination of service by a health care facility. Specifically Sec. 19a-639e(c) mandates that *"Any health care facility that proposes to terminate the operation of a facility or service for which a certificate of need was not obtained shall notify the office not later than sixty days prior to terminating the operation of the facility or service."*

On November 19, 2009, in the CON Determination Request Report Number 09-31423-DTR, the office determined that CONNCare's proposal to establish an adult primary care and walk-in care services at BPMC did not require a CON.

Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is not required for CONNCare to terminate the adult primary care/walk-in services at BPMC. Further, your August 2, 2012 CON determination request serves as notification to the office prior to the service termination date as required by the statute.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans and if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Olga Armah, Associate Research Analyst at (860) 418-7070.

Sincerely,



Kimberly R. Martone  
Director of Operations, OHCA

Cc: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR