



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

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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION ONLY

Patrick Felice, MD
President
Associated Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, P.C.
d/b/a Dr. Felice's Youthful Images
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Bloomfield, CT 06002

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 13-31818-DTR
Associated Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, P.C. d/b/a Dr. Felice's Youthful Images
Relocation and Change of Ownership of Outpatient Surgical Facility

Dear Dr. Felice:

On January 23, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of Associated Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, P.C ("APRS" or "the Applicant") with respect to whether a CON is required to relocate Dr. Felice's Youthful Images from 580 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield to 35 Jolly Ln., Bloomfield. You also intend to transfer at least 60% ownership of APRS, now Bloomfield ASC, LLC, to a group of physicians and the remaining minority share to Merritt Healthcare, all at a cost of \$3.4 million. Merritt Healthcare will act as the third party management firm for Bloomfield ASC, LLC while a Board of Managers will have the overall responsibility for governance.

In a February 28, 2013 response to follow-up questions from OHCA, you indicated the Board of Managers would be composed of four physician-members of Bloomfield ASC, LLC and one representative from Merritt Healthcare. The proposed change in ownership conforms to Conn. Gen. Stat. §19a-493b(c).

In the same response, you withdrew your proposal to relocate the facility on the basis that due diligence is still being conducted on that matter. Upon deciding, contact OHCA for a determination on whether a CON is required for the relocation.

Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes a CON is *not required* for APRS or Bloomfield ASC, LLC to change ownership as submitted.

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

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