



Office of Health Care Access

Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Modification Docket Number: 07-30388-MDF

Modification Project Description: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date from July 31, 2007 to July 31, 2009

Original Project Docket Numbers and Title: Docket Number 04-30388-CON and 06-30388-MDF: Perioperative Information Tracking System (POINTS) Replacement Project

Statutory Reference: Sections 4-181a(b), Connecticut General Statutes

Filing Date: July 31, 2007

Decision Date: August 2, 2007

Staff: Karen Roberts

Project Description: Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”), requests a modification of the Certificate of Need (“CON”) authorization issued under Docket Number 04-30388-CON, as subsequently modified by Docket Number 06-30388-MDF, in order to further extend the CON expiration date from July 31, 2007 to July 31, 2009. The CON under Docket Number 04-30388-CON authorized a Perioperative Information Tracking System (“POINTS”) Replacement Project as a total capital expenditure of \$1,583,711.

Findings of Fact

1. On January 31, 2005, under Docket Number 04-30388-CON, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes to Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”) to replace its existing perioperative information system and acquire and implement a hospital-wide Perioperative Information Tracking System (“POINTS”), at a total capital expenditure of \$1,583,711. (*Final Decision for DN 04-30388-CON*)
2. On January 27, 2006, under Docket Number 06-30388-MDF, OHCA modified the CON Order under Docket Number 04-30388-CON, in order to extend the CON expiration date from January 31, 2006 to July 31, 2007. Condition #1 as modified, states the following:

“1. *This authorization shall expire on July 31, 2007. Should the Hospital’s “POINTS” project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.*”
(*Modification Decision under DN 06-30388-MDF*)
3. On July 31, 2007, OHCA received a request from the Hospital to further modify the CON Final Decision under Docket Number 04-30388-CON in order to extend the CON expiration date from July 31, 2007 to July 31, 2009. The Hospital provides the following reasons for the request to extend the CON expiration date: (*July 31, 2007 submission, cover page and pages 3 and 6*)
 - a. The project is currently in Phase II of a two phase implementation and unexpected challenges have emerged related to the monitors for the intraoperative anesthesia component. Monitors are the key components that determine how the network will be built.
 - b. To address the unanticipated monitor capture issue and build a test network and system will require additional time, conservatively estimated to be 24 months.
 - c. Evaluation of best options to resolve the unexpected monitor capture issues is currently underway.
4. The Hospital has listed the following accomplishments to date in terms of full project implementation: (*July 31, 2007 submission, Page 4 – 5*)
 - a. Phase II was initiated in March 2006. Progress to date includes:
 - i. Completion of Super User training;
 - ii. Building of the database and testing
 - iii. Defining the interface requirements;
 - iv. Testing of the interfaces; and
 - v. Building the printed report.

5. This request for a modification does not alter the authorized capital expenditure for the project or the intended scope of the project.

Discussion

OHCA has reviewed this request for a modification to a previously authorized CON and finds that the relationship of the CON authorized under Docket Number 04-30388-CON to Section 19a-637, C.G.S. is not altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 07-30388-MDF. The requested modification of this CON Order appears to be the result of a change in conditions unanticipated by the Hospital at the time of the initial CON filing. It appears to be the Hospital's intent to proceed with the project in the manner and scope originally reviewed by OHCA in 2005 despite this delay in the last component of project implementation and that this request for a further modification of Condition #1 of the CON to allow additional time for implementation appears reasonable.

Order

Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Hospital's modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and allows a modification of the CON Order under Docket Number 04-30388-CON. Condition # 1 of the CON Order under Docket Number 04-30388-CON is modified as follows:

1. This authorization shall expire on July 31, 2009. Should the Hospital's "POINTS" project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.

All other conditions set forth in the CON authorization issued under Docket Number 06-30388-CON, as subsequently modified by Docket Number 06-30388-MDF, not further modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the
Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on August 2, 2007

Date

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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