



Office of Health Care Access

A Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: New Era Rehabilitation Center, Inc.

Modification Docket Number: 08-30685-MDF

Modification Project Title: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date from October 11, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Original Project Docket Number and Title: Docket Number 06-30685-CON;
The establishment of a methadone maintenance ambulatory detoxification, intensive outpatient day-evening treatment program in New Haven

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

Filing Date: October 9, 2008

Decision Date: October 10, 2008

Staff: Karen Roberts

Project Description: New Era Rehabilitation Center, Inc. requests a modification of the Certificate of Need authorization under Docket Number 06-30685-CON, in order to extend the CON expiration date from October 11, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Findings of Fact

1. On October 11, 2006, under Docket Number 06-30685-CON, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) to New Era Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (“Applicant”) to establish a methadone maintenance, ambulatory detoxification, intensive outpatient day-evening treatment program in New Haven, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. Condition #1 of the CON Order states the following:

“1. This authorization shall expire on October 11, 2008. Should the Applicant’s proposal not be completed by that date, the Applicant must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.”
1. On October 8, 2008, the Applicant filed a request for modification of the CON authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date. Further information was received on October 9, 2008 and the matter was deemed complete under Docket Number 08-30685-MDF.
2. The Applicant is seeking an extension of the CON expiration date from October 11, 2008 to December 31, 2008 in order to finalize its efforts toward completing the physical plant and obtaining Department of Public Health licensure for these authorized services. The Applicant indicates that it is awaiting final installation of the elevator for handicap access and that this elevator installation is the final component that needs resolution before seeking licensure. The Applicant further indicates that all other documents have been submitted to the Department of Public Health.

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 06-30685-CON, to Section 19a-637, C.G.S., is not altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 08-30685-MDF. It is the Applicant’s intent to complete the project as reviewed and authorized by OHCA and the Applicant indicates that the final stage of the project should be completed by December 31, 2008. The Applicant has sufficiently explained the barriers that have occurred, which have prevented the Applicant from fully completing the project in the timeframe previously authorized. Therefore, the extension of time for project completion is acceptable to OHCA.

Order

Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Applicant's modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 06-30685-CON.

Condition #1 of the previous authorization under Docket Number 06-30685-CON is modified as follows:

1. This authorization shall expire on December 31, 2008. Should the Applicant's proposal not be completed by that date, the Applicant 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 06-30685-CON, not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the
Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on October 10, 2008

Date

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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