



Office of Health Care Access

Modification of Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Modification Docket Number: 08-31080-MDF

Modification Project Title: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date from January 17, 2009 to January 17, 2010

Original Project Docket Number and Title: Docket Number 08-31080-WVR; The replacement of an existing single-plane angiography laboratory

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

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Decision Date: January 8, 2009

Staff: Karen Roberts

Project Description: Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”) requests a modification of the Certificate of Need (“CON”) authorization issued under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR, in order to extend the CON expiration date from January 17, 2009 to January 17, 2010. The CON authorization was for the acquisition of replacement angiography equipment, pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Findings of Fact

1. On January 17, 2008, under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes, to Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”) to replace the existing General Electric, LUA Advantx single-plane angiography system with a General Electric, Innova 4100 IQ, digital flat detector angiographic interventional suite.
2. Condition #1 of the CON authorization is as follows:

“1. This authorization shall expire on January 17, 2009. Should the Hospital’s replacement project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.”
3. On December 22, 2008, OHCA received the Hospital’s request for a one-year extension of the CON expiration date set forth in Condition #1, to January 17, 2010. This modification request is being reviewed by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31080-MDF.
4. The Hospital states the following related to this modification request: *“This project involves multiple phases.¹ Due to delays associated with the preconstruction phase that involved renovations to the Children’s hospital and relocation of services, this phase was only recently completed. The revised project timeline includes a targeted completion of the remaining phases – phase I by May 2009 and completion of phase II by Fall 2009.”*
5. The Hospital has listed the following as accomplishments-to-date:
 - a. Completion of construction documents,
 - b. Receipt of construction bids and awarding of contract,
 - c. Removal of existing angiography equipment,
 - d. Removal of wall between South Pavilion and West Pavilion to make way for a shared equipment room,
 - e. Construction of space for the single plane angiography lab, and
 - f. Start of project demolition.

¹ The phasing for this project is directly related to the phasing of the separate replacement project authorized under Docket Number 08-31081-WVR, the Replacement of a BiPlane Neuroangiography Laboratory and to the acquisition of a replacement angiography suite with digital flat detector authorized separately by Certificate of Need Docket Number 08-31082-CON. Per the Hospital’s January 4, 2008 letter to OHCA, these three projects would be performed in a *“two-phase approach. The first phase includes removal of two very old Interventional labs and installation of one neuroangiography lab and one general angiography lab ... The second phase will replace the current old neuroangiography lab with a second general angiography lab.”*

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 08-31080-WVR, to Section 19a-637, C.G.S., is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 08-31080-MDF. The modification proposal does not alter the intended scope or the authorized capital expenditure. The delays related to this project appear to have been unforeseen and the request for an extension of the CON expiration date until January 17, 2010 appears to be reasonable.

Order

Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Hospital's modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR. Condition #1 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR is modified as follows:

1. This authorization shall expire on January 17, 2010. Should the Hospital's replacement 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 08-31080-WVR not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the
Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on January 8, 2009

Date

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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