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RE: Docket Number 09-30207-MDF: An OHCA-initiated modification of a Certificate of Need under Docket Number 03-30207-CON, as modified by Docket Number 06-30207-MDF Establishment of a Primary Interventional Cardiac Service

Dear Mr. Tanner and Mr. Kinsella:

On October 29, 2004, under Docket Number 03-30207-CON, New Britain General Hospital¹ and Hartford Hospital (together referred to herein as "Applicants") and the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") entered into an Agreed Settlement in which OHCA granted a Certificate of Need to the Applicants pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes for the establishment of a primary interventional cardiac service to be located at New Britain General Hospital. Primary interventional cardiac services commenced at New Britain General Hospital in May of 2005. On May 23, 2006, under Docket Number 06-30207-MDF, OHCA issued a modification of Docket Number 03-30207-CON to alter the quarterly data filing requirement to the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry to an annual data filing requirement.

Condition Numbers Two and Five of the CON authorization as modified by Docket Number 06-30207-MDF, state the following:

¹ Now called the Hospital of Central Connecticut

- “2. *New Britain General Hospital shall complete and submit to OHCA on an annual basis the data elements in the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry (Attachment II). Data should be submitted to OHCA on a computer disk in either an excel workbook or comma-delimited text file in a format specified by OHCA. The most current version of the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry includes, but may not be limited to, the elements listed in Attachment II. Data must be reported to OHCA by July 30th of each year for the period July 1st through June 30th of the previous year. Upon receipt, OHCA will check the data’s conformance to the required specifications and within ten (10) business days notify New Britain General Hospital in writing of its evaluation. If OHCA finds questionable material, New Britain General Hospital will have fifteen (15) business days from notification by OHCA to submit a revised dataset for evaluation. All patient-level data submitted to OHCA to satisfy this requirement will be subject to the laws and regulations of the state of Connecticut and the Office of Health Care Access regarding its collection, use and confidentiality. If New Britain General Hospital does not submit the above data to the Cardiac Data Registry on an annual basis, the primary angioplasty program shall be terminated. In the event of such a termination, New Britain General Hospital shall file a CON for the reinstatement of the program. In addition to the above, New Britain General Hospital shall make its total aggregated number of diagnostic cardiac catheterizations and primary PCI procedures available to OHCA, upon OHCA’s request for such information.”*
- “5. *New Britain General Hospital shall participate in the ACC National Cardiovascular Database Registry (ACC-NCDR) and report all data including the optional follow-up section. New Britain General Hospital shall provide OHCA annual data reports from the ACC-NCDR. These reports shall be submitted to OHCA at the same time that the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry data is filed. New Britain General Hospital is required to comply with all the ACC/AHA criteria and standards for the performance of angioplasty at hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery. If New Britain General Hospital determines not to participate in the ACC-NCDR, New Britain General Hospital shall notify OHCA immediately, and continue to comply with the ACC/AHA criteria and standards.”*

Stipulations #6 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 03-30207-CON states the following:

- “6. *New Britain General Hospital shall report to OHCA documenting compliance with the ACC/AHA general exclusion criteria for invasive procedures, performance of primary PCI in hospitals without cardiac surgery capabilities, and selection of patients appropriate for primary PCI or transfer to a full-service cardiac center. If the ACC/AHA criteria and standards and/or the C-PORT guidelines are not met, New Britain General Hospital primary PCI program shall be terminated. In the event of such a termination, New Britain General Hospital shall file a CON for the reinstatement of the program.*

On February 19, 2009, OHCA forwarded to you a Notice of Proposed Certificate of Need Modification, which initiated the process to modify the Certificate of Need under Docket

Number 09-30207-MDF pursuant to Section 4-181a (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. In the February 19, 2009 Notice, OHCA stated its intent to vacate Stipulation #2 in order to discontinue Hospital of Central Connecticut data filings to the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry; to vacate Stipulation #6 and to revise Stipulation #5 in order to clarify the continued filing of ACC-NCDR reports to OHCA. In the February 19, 2009 Notice, OHCA provided a timeframe for the Applicants to provide any comments to OHCA regarding this matter. No comments from the Applicants have been provided to OHCA during the allotted timeframe.

As previously noted in the February 19, 2009 Notice, OHCA considers such proposed change to be a non-substantive change and OHCA stated its intent not to schedule and convene a hearing related to this modification process under Docket Number 09-30207-MDF. OHCA has reviewed this modification to a previously authorized CON and finds that the relationship of the CON authorized under Docket Number 03-30207-CON to Section 19a-637, C.G.S. is not altered by this modification under Docket Number 09-30207-MDF.

Based on the reasons above, I find it appropriate to approve this modification of the CON authorized under Docket Number 03-30207-CON, as previously modified by Docket Number 06-30207-MDF. Therefore, the OHCA initiated modification under Docket Number 09-30207-MDF is **GRANTED**. Stipulations # 2 and #6 are hereby vacated. Hospital of Central Connecticut is no longer required to submit patient level data to the Connecticut Cardiac Data Registry. Stipulation # 5 is vacated and replaced with the following:

5. The Applicants agree that it is the intent of Hospital of Central Connecticut to continue to participate in the American College of Cardiology National Cardiovascular Database Registry (ACC-NCDR). Hospital of Central Connecticut is required to comply with the ACC/AHA criteria and standards. If Hospital of Central Connecticut determines not to participate in the ACC-NCDR, the Hospital of Central Connecticut shall notify OHCA in a timely manner regarding such decision not to participate and shall continue to comply with the ACC/AHA criteria and standards.

If Hospital of Central Connecticut does participate in ACC-NCDR, Hospital of Central Connecticut is required to submit to OHCA any and all Executive Summary pages from the Institutional Outcomes Reports received by Hospital of Central Connecticut from ACC-NCDR, such Executive Summary containing the PCI Quality Measures, PCI Utilization Measures, and Diagnostic Cath Quality Measures. Any such executive summaries received by Hospital of Central Connecticut during the year should be submitted to OHCA by December 31st of each calendar year. Further, Hospital of Central Connecticut shall supply to OHCA the detail reports from ACC-NCDR to Hospital of Central Connecticut only if OHCA specifically requests such detailed reporting.

All other conditions set forth in the CON authorization issued under Docket Number 03-30207-CON, as previously modified by Docket Number 06-30207-MDF, not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the
Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on March 10, 2009

Date

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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