



Office of Health Care Access

A Request for Modification of Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Modification Docket Number: 09-31144-MDF

Modification Project Title: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to increase the authorized capital expenditure, by \$1,000,000 from \$3,857,448 to \$4,857,448

Original Project Docket Number and Title: Docket Number 08-31144-CON;
The Replacement of an Electrophysiology Laboratory

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

Filing Date: February 19, 2009

Decision Date: March 3, 2009

Staff: Karen Roberts

Project Description: Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”) proposes a modification of the Certificate of Need (“CON”) authorization issued under Docket Number 08-31144-CON, in order to increase the authorized capital expenditure by \$1,000,000 from \$3,857,448 to \$4,857,448. The CON authorization was for the Hospital to acquire and operate electrophysiology laboratory equipment, thereby replacing the existing equipment.

Findings of Fact

1. On December 24, 2008, under Docket Number 08-31144-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 acquire and operate electrophysiology laboratory equipment, replacing existing equipment, at a total capital expenditure of \$3,857,448.
3. Condition #2 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 08-31144-CON states the following:

“2. The Hospital shall not exceed the approved capital expenditure of \$3,857,448. In the event that the Hospital learns of potential cost increases or expects that final project costs will exceed those approved, the Hospital shall immediately notify OHCA.”
4. On February 19, 2009, OHCA received a request to modify the CON Final Decision under Docket Number 08-31144-CON, in order to increase the authorized capital expenditure by \$1,000,000 from \$3,857,448 to \$4,857,448.
5. The Hospital conducted a competitive analysis prior to the selection of a final system to determine which technology would best meet the Hospital’s needs. Upon evaluation, the decision was made to select a General Electric biplane system based on key factors such as standard platform, interface capabilities, consistent data management, and technology that best meets the Hospital’s needs for Electrophysiology Laboratory critical testing. This choice has resulted in this modification request.
6. The Hospital indicates that preliminary architectural drawings are in process, and preliminary discussions with engineers, epidemiologists, information technology, architects and construction managers are all underway currently.

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 08-31144-CON, to Section 19a-637, C.G.S., is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 09-31144-MDF. The modification proposal does not alter the intended scope or the timeframe for implementation of the project. The cost increase appears to have been unanticipated at the time of the CON filing and the Hospital became aware of the need for additional project costs subsequent to the competitive analysis of the equipment vendors. The request for additional project costs 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 08-31144-CON. Condition #2 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 08-31144-CON is further modified as follows:

2. The Hospital shall not exceed the approved capital expenditure of \$4,857,448. In the event that the Hospital learns of potential cost increases or expects that final project costs will exceed those approved, the Hospital shall immediately notify OHCA.

All other conditions set forth in the CON authorization issued under Docket Number 08-31144-CON not further modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the
Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on March 3, 2009

Date

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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