



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

January 12, 2010

Ms. Sally F. Herlihy
Vice President, Regulatory Compliance
New Milford Hospital
21 Elm Street
New Milford, CT 06776

RE: Docket Number 09-31275-MDF; A modification of a CON under Docket No. 08-31275-WVR
Replacement of an Existing Mobile 1.5 Tesla MRI Scanner with a Fixed 1.5 Tesla MRI Scanner

Dear Ms. Herlihy:

On December 30, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a request from New Milford Hospital ("Hospital") to modify the Certificate of Need ("CON") which had been authorized by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31275-WVR pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes. The authorized CON allows the Hospital to replace its existing Mobile 1.5 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging ("MRI") scanner with a Fixed 1.5 Tesla MRI scanner in New Milford, at a total capital cost of \$2,853,236. Subsequent to the CON authorized on January 12, 2009 under Docket Number 08-31275-WVR, the Hospital entered into a joint venture to establish a new entity known as New Milford MRI, LLC to manage the MRI service. That joint venture did not require CON authorization as reviewed and determined by OHCA under 09-31469-DTR. However, the discussions surrounding the formulation of that arrangement along with leadership changes at the Hospital, have delayed implementation of the MRI replacement project. Therefore, in its modification request, the Hospital requests an extension of the CON expiration date from January 12, 2010 to July 31, 2010.

OHCA has reviewed the Hospital's December 30, 2009 filing, and finds that the Hospital's rationale for requesting additional time to implement this project is reasonable and that a change in conditions since the initial CON application has occurred. As such, OHCA allows this change and modifies Condition #1 as follows:

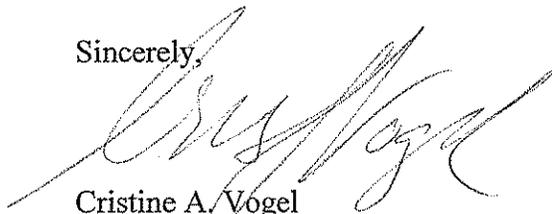
1. This authorization shall expire on July 31, 2010. Should the Hospital's replacement project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.

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If you have any questions regarding this modification approval, please contact Tillman Foster, Associate Health Care Analyst or Karen Roberts, Principal Health Care Analyst at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cristine A. Vogel".

Cristine A. Vogel
Deputy Commissioner

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