



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

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Nancy M. Hamson
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Greenwich Hospital
Room 3-3307
5 Perryridge Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

RE: Request to Waive CON Requirements for Replacement Equipment
Docket Number: 10-31631-WVR
Greenwich Hospital's Proposal to Replace an Existing Radiation Oncology Simulator with a Radiation Oncology, Computed Tomography Simulator

Dear Ms. Hamson:

On June 7, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received the Certificate of Need ("CON") Waiver of Replacement Equipment Request from Greenwich Hospital. The proposal seeks to acquire a radiation oncology, computed tomography simulator through replacement of an existing radiation oncology simulator, at a capital expenditure of \$1,125,543. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Greenwich Hospital ("Hospital") is a not-for-profit, acute care hospital located at 5 Perryridge Road in Greenwich, Connecticut. *(June 7, 2010, CON Waiver Form 2040, page 1)*
2. The Hospital is proposing to acquire a radiation oncology, computed tomography simulator ("CT simulator") through replacement of an existing radiation oncology simulator. *(June 7, 2010, CON Waiver Form 2040, page 2)*
3. Pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S") as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 96, a proposal may be eligible for a waiver of replacement equipment from the CON process:
 - a. When a provider previously received a CON for the equipment to be replaced, and the expenditure or value of the replacement equipment is less than \$3 million; or

- b. When a provider previously obtained a determination that a CON was not required for the original acquisition of the equipment and the expenditure or value of the replacement equipment is less than \$3 million.
(Section 19a-639c, C.G.S., as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 96)
4. The Hospital proposes to acquire and operate a General Electric, LightSpeed RT16 computed tomography system as its replacement simulator and intends to locate the equipment at the Hospital's off-campus cancer center. *(June 7, 2010, CON Waiver Form 2040, page 2 and Attachment 2)*
5. The system is a 16-slice helical whole body CT scanner designed for CT simulation due to its standard 80 centimeter bore, wide view and flat table top that allows more room to properly position patients for treatment planning. *(June 7, 2010, CON Waiver Form 2040, page 2 and Attachment 2)*
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposed acquisition of the CT simulator is \$1,125,543. *(June 7, 2010, CON Waiver Form 2040, page 3)*

Based on the above, the Hospital's proposal to replace an existing radiation oncology simulator in Greenwich with a radiation oncology computed tomography simulator is not eligible for a CON Waiver of Replacement Equipment as the Hospital did not receive a CON authorization or obtain a determination that a CON was not required for the acquisition of the simulator equipment, pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S") as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 96. Consequently, the current proposal requires CON approval pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the C.G.S. The Hospital may file a Letter of Intent with OHCA to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need process.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Kimberly Martone, Director of Operations, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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