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Augusta S. Mueller
Director, Planning
Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant Street
PO Box 5000
Bridgeport, CT 06610

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30445-DTR
Bridgeport Hospital
Monitor Replacement Project

Dear Ms. Mueller:

On February 28, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your request for replacing patient monitors and central stations for selected patient areas within the Hospital.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Bridgeport Hospital (“Hospital”) is a non-profit, acute care hospital located at 267 Grant Street in Bridgeport, CT.
2. The Hospital proposes to replace 89 bedside monitors, 6 transport monitors and 3 central stations that have exceeded their useful life over a three year period.
3. In Year 1 the Hospital proposes to purchase 46 bedside monitors, 2 transport monitors and 1 central station at a total capital expenditure of \$729,843, for use in the following Hospital locations: Labor and Delivery, Surgical ICU, Newborn ICU and the Burn Unit.
4. In Year 2 the Hospital proposes to purchase 32 bedside monitors, 4 transport monitors and 3 central stations at a total capital expenditure of \$695,619 for use in the following Hospital locations: Medical ICU, Catheterization Laboratory Preparation Area, Emergency Room Numbers 4 and 5, Pediatric ICU and Labor and Delivery Operating Room.

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5. In Year 3 the Hospital proposes to purchase 11 bedside monitors at a total capital expenditure of \$71,325 for use in the Angioplasty Suite.
6. The proposed contract for the acquisition of replacement monitors and central stations will allow the Hospital to realize a significant monetary savings.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, it will not be necessary for you to obtain further permission from OHCA in order to proceed with the proposed replacement project.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner