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Ms. Jean Conover  
Chief Financial Officer  
Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C.  
111 Founders Plaza, Suite 400  
East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Request; Report Number: 05-30449-DTR  
Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. acquires an MRI unit in Enfield Connecticut

Dear Ms. Conover:

On March 9, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. ("Applicant") to acquire a Magnetic Resonance Imaging ("MRI") unit at 137 Hazard Avenue in Enfield, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings.

1. Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. is a private practice radiology group, which has a main practice location at 85 Seymour Street in Hartford.
2. Until December of 2004, Medical Imaging Center Enfield LLC provided MRI services at 137 Hazard Avenue in Enfield. Medical Imaging Center Enfield LLC had a lease arrangement with GE Healthcare Financial Services for a Picker Outlook MR System at a capitalized cost of \$280,653. This MRI unit appears to have been reviewed by OHCA under Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 01-I2 for an entity called Enfield Imaging, LLC. (the previous legal name of Medical Imaging Center Enfield LLC). In Report Number 01-I2, OHCA determined that the total capital cost associated with the acquisition of the MRI unit, leased office space and renovations is \$388,297 and that Enfield Imaging, LLC did not need CON approval.
3. Medical Imaging Center of Enfield, LLC ceased providing MRI services at the 137 Hazard Avenue Enfield location in December 2004. Effective December 22, 2004, the lease of a 1997 Picker Outlook MR System was assigned to and assumed by Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C.
4. Medical Imaging Center of Enfield, LLC and Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. do not hold facility licenses from the Department of Public Health.

5. The acquired assets include one MRI device, the lease for the medical offices located at the project site, leasehold improvements, associated medical office equipment and goodwill through a covenant not to compete. The equipment lease which Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. assumed had \$226,307 remaining on the principal at the time of assumption of the lease.
6. Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. assumed the equipment lease as well as the office space lease of Medical Imaging Center of Enfield, LLC. All office renovations had already been done by the prior owner and the open MRI unit was already installed at the time of the acquisition by Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. assumed the unpaid cost of the renovations, of which \$59,875 was attributable to renovations associated with the MRI unit.
7. The cost of the remaining balance of the capital lease for the MRI unit and the unpaid balance on the renovations totals \$286,182. The total value of the MRI unit of \$280,653 added to the unpaid renovations costs also totals less than \$400,000.
8. At some point in the future, Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. intends to provide digital mammography and bone density services.
9. No facility fees will be charged for the MRI services.
10. All services will be provided by Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C.
11. The population to be served with the acquired MRI unit includes residents of the towns of Suffield, Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Enfield, Somers and Ellington.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of Jefferson X-Ray Group, P.C. to acquire and operate the MRI unit located at 137 Hazard Avenue in Enfield, Connecticut will not require CON approval from OHCA pursuant to Sections 19a-638 or 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner  
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