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2800 Main Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30455-DTR  
Saint Vincent's Medical Center  
Establishment of an Intermediate Health Care Center in Monroe, CT

Dear Mr. Ahle:

On March 15, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Saint Vincent's Medical Center to establish an Intermediate Health Care Center in Monroe, Connecticut, at a total proposed capital expenditure of \$360,850. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Saint Vincent's Medical Center ("Hospital") is an acute care, general hospital located at 2800 Main Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
2. The Hospital operates three walk-in health centers under its existing license as three separate outpatient satellite sites. The walk-in health centers or Intermediate Health Care Centers are located in Bridgeport, Fairfield and Shelton.
3. Each intermediate care center offers treatment for routine and urgent medical conditions with no appointment necessary. In addition, they perform physical examinations, drug testing and treatment for workers' compensation injuries. The centers are equipped to provide radiological services.

4. The Hospital is proposing to establish the Monroe Intermediate Health Care Center at 401 Monroe Turnpike in Monroe, Connecticut.
5. The proposed intermediate care center will provide essentially the same services as is offered at the Hospital's other three health care centers. The center will operate on the following schedule: 8:00 am to 7:30 pm Monday through Friday; 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturdays and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sundays.
6. Services will be provided by the Center's health care team comprised of a board certified or eligible physician, a licensed nurse, a licensed x-ray technician and support clerical staff. Radiological films will be transported to the Hospital to be read and report upon by a licensed radiologist.
7. The proposed center will serve individuals residing and/or working in Monroe and the surrounding Connecticut towns of Shelton and Trumbull.
8. The total proposed capital cost associated with the proposal is \$360,850. The proposed expenditures consist of the following components:
  - \$165,000 in renovation work;
  - \$128,150 in imaging equipment;
  - \$35,000 in medical equipment; and
  - \$32,700 in other capital costs.
9. The Hospital plans to finance the proposal from available operating funds.
10. Billing for health services rendered by clinicians at the proposed center will be made on a UB 92 form and a facility fee will be charged to the patients examined and/or treated at the center.
11. The estimated start date for the service is July 15, 2005.
12. On March 26, 1997, the Hospital received from OHCA a CON determination, which was issued under Report Number: 97-R. The determination provided that the Hospital was required to seek and obtain CON authorization before it could move forward with its proposal to acquire and operate three walk-in centers with one center each in Bridgeport, Fairfield and Shelton.
13. On September 30, 1997, under a CON application filed under Docket Number 97-539, OHCA granted the Hospital CON authorization to proceed with the acquisition and operation of the three walk-in centers at a total capital cost of \$794,187, representing the estimated fair market value of the leased building space for the proposed service centers.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed establishment of the Monroe Intermediate Health Care Center represents an additional function or service for the Hospital pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, Saint Vincent's Medical Center is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the establishment of an intermediate health care center in Monroe, Connecticut, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on March 15, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Saint Vincent's Medical Center may file a completed CON application with OHCA between May 14, 2005, and July 13, 2005. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner