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Susan Brown
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Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: CON Determination 05-30473-DTR
Greenwich Hospital
Change Level of Neonatal Nursery Program

Dear Ms. Brown:

On April 5, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter concerning the neonatal nursery program's change from a Level Two to a Level Three neonatal program.

OHCA staff has reviewed the CON Determination form and has made the findings listed below:

1. Greenwich Hospital's ("Hospital") neonatal nursery program has been classified as a Level Two neonatal-perinatal program since 1982.
2. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics ("AAP") and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists ("ACOG") guidelines, the neonatal nursery program's classification has changed from a Level Two to a Level Three neonatal program. The change resulted from revisions to the guidelines adopted in 2002.
3. The Hospital is proposing to change the classification level of the neonatal nursery program to coincide with the AAP and ACOG guidelines.
4. There is no program change, expansion, reduction, or new service and no capital expenditure associated with the proposal.

Based on these findings and pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, OHCA has determined that Greenwich Hospital does not intend to change, expand, reduce or introduce a new service. CON approval from OHCA is not required for Greenwich Hospital to reclassify the neonatal nursery program to a Level Three program.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Kim Martone, CON Supervisor, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, DPH

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