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Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30507-DTR
Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Establishment of a Pediatric Sleep Laboratory

Dear Dr. Banco:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for a CON Determination Report for the establishment of a Pediatric Sleep Laboratory at Connecticut Children's Medical Center ("CCMC") at 282 Washington Street in Hartford.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. CCMC is a freestanding, full service children's hospital in Hartford, which provides both inpatient and outpatient services to patients throughout Connecticut.
2. CCMC plans to establish a pediatric sleep laboratory, as part of its electrophysiology section, which currently includes EP and EEG studies. The sleep laboratory will be physically located in the suite used for these studies.
3. CCMC stated that there is no facility in Connecticut that is solely dedicated to performing sleep studies on children, and existing adult sleep laboratories provide only limited access to children.
4. The target population includes children with the following indications: sleep apnea, obesity, prematurity, complex respiratory, cardiovascular and neuromuscular diseases. Sleep studies are also required to follow the progress of children on chronic bi-pap therapy at home.

5. CCMC will contract with a nationally recognized vendor of sleep services for children. The vendor will supply the equipment, fully trained and certified staff and appropriate supplies.
6. CCMC contract with the CCMC Faculty Practice Plan division of Pulmomology to provide a supervising pulmonologist who will serve as the Medical Director for the laboratory.
7. CCMC will be responsible for appropriate oversight and quality assurance for all services provided as part of this program.
8. At this time, OHCA views sleep study programs and sleep laboratories as similar to new alternative medicine services provided by a health care facility or institution, which do not presently require Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization. Therefore, OHCA does not require CON approval for the provision of these services under Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
9. The capital expenditure associated with the pediatric sleep laboratory is \$50,000.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that CON approval is not required for the establishment of a pediatric sleep laboratory, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, DCBR

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