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Mr. Claudio Capone
Director of Management Systems/Planning
New Britain General Hospital
100 Grand Street
New Britain, CT 06050

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30561-DTR
New Britain General Hospital
New Britain General Hospital Sleep Lab Expansion in Bristol

Dear Mr. Capone:

On July 29, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of New Britain General Hospital ("NBGH") to establish a sleep lab at 420 North Main Street in Bristol, at a total capital expenditure of \$524,625. On August 12, 2005, OHCA received additional information regarding the above proposal.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. NBGH is an acute care hospital located at 100 Grand Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
2. NBGH proposes to establish a sleep lab at 420 North Main Street in Bristol.
3. NBGH's Sleep Lab located at NBGH d/b/a Sleep Disorders Center offers diagnosis of sleep apnea, narcolepsy, restless leg syndrome and periodic limb movement disorder, parasomnia and insomnia. The same services are proposed to be provided at the satellite site in Bristol.
4. NBGH will manage and provide all the services needed to operate the sleep lab in Bristol, which will include but not be limited to billing, staffing, equipment and clinical resources.
5. New Britain General Hospital and Bristol Hospital will share the neurology group who will oversee the clinical aspects of the program.

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6. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that the introduction of any additional function or services requires authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that New Britain General Hospital’s proposal to establish a sleep lab at 420 North Main Street, in Bristol, represents the introduction of an additional function or service, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, CON approval is required for NBGH to establish a sleep lab in Bristol.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on August 12, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore NBGH may file a completed CON application with OHCA between October 11, 2005, and December 10, 2005. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Copy: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR