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Augusta Mueller
Director of Planning
Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant Street
Bridgeport, CT 06610-0120

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30566-DTR
Bridgeport Hospital
Purchase of Replacement Instrumentation Sets for the
Hospital's Surgical Services

Dear Ms Mueller:

On July 29, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination request regarding the Bridgeport Hospital's proposal to acquire replacement instrumentation for its surgical services at a total expenditure of \$931,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Bridgeport Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital located at 267 Grant Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is proposing to purchase surgical instrumentation sets in order to accommodate the current volume of surgical activity in the Hospital.
3. The replacement instrumentation sets will be dedicated for use within the Hospital's departments requiring surgical instruments.
4. The equipment acquisition has been made necessary as the Hospital will be discontinuing a service contract it has held for a five years with a company who has been providing instrumentation utilized by the Hospital's main operating room, ambulatory surgery, maternity services and cardiac catheterization laboratory.

5. The proposed instrumentation acquisition is not considered within the classification of major medical equipment as delineated in Public Act 05-93 of the Connecticut General Statutes and therefore, this acquisition does not require Certificate of Need authorization.
6. The total capital expenditure for the proposed project is \$931,000.
7. The Hospital proposes to fund the purchase through existing operating funds.
8. The Hospital intends to make the purchase prior to December 15, 2005.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for the Bridgeport Hospital to purchase replacement instrumentation sets.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, of the Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting Unit, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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