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August 17, 2005

Mr. Chad Wable
Vice President, Marketing and Business Development
Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc.
56 Franklin Street
Waterbury, CT 06706

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30571-DTR
Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc.
Wolcott Health and Wellness Center

Dear Mr. Wable:

On August 12, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Saint Mary's Hospital, Inc. ("SMH") to establish a physical therapy and sleep service center at 533 Wolcott Road in Wolcott, at a total capital expenditure of \$122,350.

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

1. SMH is an acute care hospital located at 56 Franklin Street in Waterbury, Connecticut.
2. SMH proposes to establish a physical therapy and sleep service center at 533 Wolcott Road in Wolcott.
3. SMH states that the new site in Wolcott will provide better access to the growing number of patients seeking physical therapy and sleep services.
4. 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 Saint Mary's Hospital's proposal to establish a physical therapy and sleep service center at 533 Wolcott Road, in Wolcott, 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 SMH to establish a physical therapy and sleep service center in Wolcott.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on August 12, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore SMH 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