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Claudio A. Capone  
Director of Planning  
Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center  
100 Grand Street  
New Britain, CT 06050

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 05-30574-DTR  
Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center  
Replacement of Existing Nuclear Camera

Dear Mr. Capone:

On August 16, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination request regarding the proposal of Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center ("BMH") to replace its existing nuclear camera.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. BMH is an acute care hospital located at 81 Meriden Avenue, Southington, Connecticut.
2. BMH proposes to replace its existing nuclear camera with a Siemens e.cam TM signature series Dual Detector Gamma Camera.
3. The existing nuclear camera is nine (9) years old and due to the age of the equipment it has the following shortcomings:
  - a. Excessive down time;
  - b. Difficult to repair; and
  - c. Difficult to find replacement parts

4. The proposed replacement nuclear camera will offer the following benefits:
  - a. Higher resolution;
  - b. Greater throughput;
  - c. Increased image quality; and
  - d. Improved patient care
5. BMH stated that the proposed replacement nuclear camera will provide improved access for the patients living in the towns of Berlin, Bristol, Cheshire, Meriden, New Britain, Plainville and Southington.
6. The total expenditure for the proposed nuclear camera is as follows:

**Table One: Total Capital Expenditure**

Nuclear Camera	\$378,330
Renovations	20,000
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>\$398,330</b>

7. BMH will fund this proposal through the Hospital's Barnes Endowment Fund.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of Bradley Memorial Hospital and Health Center to replace its existing nuclear camera for a total capital expenditure of \$398,330 is below the \$400,000 threshold for major medical equipment, as set forth under Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes; therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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