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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30604-DTR
Connecticut Children's Medical Center
Patient Archive and Communication System

Dear Attorney Taylor:

On October 11, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request for obtaining a Patient Archive and Communication System ("PACS"). On December 8, 2005, OHCA received information clarifying the equipment to be purchased and its associated cost. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Connecticut Children's Medical Center ("CCMC") is an acute care, general hospital located at 282 Washington Street in Hartford, Connecticut.
2. CCMC is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
3. CCMC is proposing to obtain a PACS system under contract with Philips/Stentor. The contract includes: use of licenses; software enhancements and updates; server hardware enhancements and updates; offsite disaster recovery; and monitoring and API integration kits.
4. Public Act: 05-168 amends Section 19a-639a of the C.G.S. by adding subsection (c) which reads as follows:

"The Office of Health Care Access shall, in its discretion; exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after October 1, 2005."

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5. The total capital expenditure for the PACS is \$425, 868.
6. CCMC proposes to fund the purchase of the PAC with operating funds.
7. The estimated start date for the project is December 2005.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the Hospital's proposal meets the requirements of Public Act: 05-168, which amends Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes and that Certificate of Need approval is not required for CCMC to obtain the PACS from Philips/Stentor. Therefore, it will not be necessary for you to obtain further permission from OHCA in order to proceed with the proposal.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst at (860) 418-7032.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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