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Claudio A. Capone
Director of Planning
New Britain General Hospital
100 Grand Street
New Britain, CT 06050

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 05-30618-DTR
New Britain General Hospital
Replacement of Existing Nuclear Camera

Dear Mr. Capone:

On October 28, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination request regarding the proposal of New Britain General Hospital ("NBHG") 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. NBGH is an acute care hospital located at 100 Grand Street, New Britain, Connecticut.
2. 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.

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

Table One: Total Capital Expenditure

Nuclear Camera	\$283,200
Renovations	28,200
Total Capital Expenditure	\$311,520

6. NBGH will fund this proposal through the Hospital's Operating Funds.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of New Britain General Hospital to replace its existing nuclear camera for a total capital expenditure of \$311,520 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,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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