



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Christopher Hartley
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RE: Certificate of Need, Report No.: 12-31790-DTR
St. Francis Care, Inc. and Laser and Vision Surgery Center, LLC
St. Francis Care, Inc. to Acquire 20% Ownership Interest in Laser and Vision Surgery
Center, LLC

Dear Mr. Hartley:

On September 27, 2012, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request on behalf of St. Francis Care, Inc. ("SFC") and Laser and Vision Surgery Center, LLC ("Center") with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for SFC to acquire 20% ownership interest in the Center, with an associated capital expenditure of \$260,000.

The Center owns and operates an existing outpatient surgical facility known as Fichman Eye Center, located at 178 Hartford Rd, Manchester, CT and Richard A. Fichman, M.D. is currently the sole owner of the Center. After the proposed sale of the minority ownership interest, the Center will continue to offer the same services that are currently provided and certain pain procedures already offered at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center will also be offered at this site.

The Center would remain the majority owners and operator of the Center. The Center would operate in a manner consistent with the mission of SFC and the tactical and religious directives for Catholic Healthcare Services. No licensure changes are anticipated as a result of this proposal and the existing patient base of both organizations will continue to have access to the Center to the same extent as is currently the case.

Based on the representations and information provided to OHCA by the Petitioner, Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-493b(c) is applicable to this matter and since the ownership percentage of persons licensed pursuant to C.G.S. Section 20-13, will be greater than 60% after the proposed sale of the interest in the Center, a CON is not required.

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Sincerely,



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