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Bonnie Gauthier
President and CEO
Hebrew Home and Hospital, Inc.
One Abrahms Boulevard
West Hartford, Connecticut 06117

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 03-30260-DTR
Hebrew Home and Hospital, Inc.
Bed Reconfiguration Project

Dear Ms. Gauthier:

On March 5, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for the bed reconfiguration project at Hebrew Home and Hospital, Inc. ("HHH").

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

1. HHH is a 334-bed skilled nursing facility and chronic disease hospital located in West Hartford. HHH is licensed by the Department of Public Health to operate 293 Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Home ("CCNH") beds and 41 Chronic Disease Hospital ("CDH") Beds.
2. HHH occupies four levels and a basement of a 165,000 square foot building. The first floor currently houses administrative services, recreational services and activity areas, an adult day center, a medical clinic, rehabilitation department, a 27-bed behavioral health unit, a 20-bed sub-acute short-term stay unit and a 35-bed skilled nursing unit. Floors 2 through 4 are home to five, 42-bed skilled nursing units and one 41-bed chronic disease hospital unit. The basement level space is dedicated to financial services, pharmacy, medical records, a home health agency, laundry, plant operations, nutritional services, and other ancillary services.

3. HHH is proposing a bed reconfiguration project as follows:
 - a) The number of chronic disease beds will increase by four (4) from 41 to 45 beds, which will be comprised of 25 acute care beds and 20 behavioral health beds. The 45-bed chronic disease hospital unit will be relocated from the third floor to the first floor of the building.
 - b) The total number of licensed CCNH beds will decrease by six (6) from 293 to 287 CCNH beds. Floors 2 through 4 will house all CCNH beds or skilled nursing units.
4. HHH is proposing to make layout changes to the existing facility by locating the chronic disease hospital unit on the first floor as originally designed and redesigning the CCNH or skilled nursing units. The services will remain the same.
5. Section 19a-638 of Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") requires certificate of need authorization if a health care facility intends to introduce any additional function or service.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the bed reconfiguration project of HHH does not represent an additional function or service. The bed reconfiguration will allow HHH to increase the accessibility and efficiency of the services by restoring the original layout and design of the medical and behavioral units. Therefore, the reconfiguration does not represent an additional function or service pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S. and Certificate of Need approval is not required for you to proceed with the implementation of the proposal.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kim Martone at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, DPH

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