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John D. Habif  
Director of Quality Management  
Rushford Center Inc.  
384 Pratt Street  
Meriden, CT 06450

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04- 30285-DTR  
Rushford Center Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Transfer of ownership of Stonehaven Chemical Dependency Treatment Program to  
Rushford Center Inc., in Portland

Dear Mr. Habif:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), for the transfer of ownership of Stonehaven Chemical Dependency Treatment Program to Rushford Center Inc., at 325 Main Street in Portland.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. The petitioners are proposing to transfer ownership of Stonehaven Chemical Dependency Treatment Program to Rushford Center Inc., at 325 Main Street in Portland.
2. Rushford Center Inc. is proposing to obtain a substance and dependence facility – intensive residential treatment license at 325 Main Street in Portland.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated May 28, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b to allow Rushford Center Inc. to obtain a substance and dependence facility – intensive residential treatment license.

4. DMHAS states that Rushford Center Inc. will have 24 beds and serve an estimated 500 clients in the Middletown, Waterbury, Hartford and New Haven service area.
5. The capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the transfer of ownership of Stonehaven Chemical Dependency Treatment Program to Rushford Center Inc. as a substance abuse and dependence facility at 325 Main Street in Portland meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Utilization Review and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR  
Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS

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