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Jeffrey B. Hughes
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The Hospital of Saint Raphael
1450 Chapel Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04-30287-DTR
The Hospital of Saint Raphael
Re-establishment of Sleep Diagnostic Center

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for a CON Determination Report for the Re-establishment of Sleep Diagnostic Center at 2080 Whitney Avenue in Hamden.

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

1. The Hospital of Saint Raphael ("HSR") is a non-profit acute care hospital located in New Haven, CT.
2. HSR plans to re-establish a sleep diagnostic center to be located at 2080 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.
3. HSR intends to enter into a three (3) year management agreement with Sleep Care Centers, Inc., a Delaware corporation, to provide management services and sleep studies.
4. The proposed sleep laboratory will offer diagnostic sleep tests which will include polysomnography, multiple sleep latency testing, maintenance of wake testing, CPAP titration, BiPAP titration, and split sleep studies.
5. Sleep diagnostic tests and studies will be performed by respiratory therapists and certified polysomnography technicians and scoring technicians.

6. Sleep Care Centers, Inc., is certified by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) and owns and/or manages 28 sleep diagnostic centers outside the State of Connecticut.
7. At this time, OHCA views sleep study programs and sleep laboratories as similar to new alternative medicine services provided by a health care facility or institution, which do not presently require Certificate of Need (“CON”) authorization. Therefore, OHCA does not require CON approval for the provision of these services under Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
8. The capital expenditure associated with the sleep study program is \$29,240.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that CON approval is not required for the establishment of a sleep study program, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Health System Development at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, DCBR

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