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September 27, 2004

Elizabeth A. Went, LCSW, LMFT
Director of Professional Services
Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, Inc.
896 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04-30301-DTR
Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults

Dear Ms. Went:

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."), to establish a psychiatric outpatient clinic at 999 Asylum Avenue in Hartford.

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

1. Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, Inc. is non-profit facility providing mental health services at 896 Asylum Avenue in Hartford.
2. Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, Inc. is proposing to expand its psychiatric services to rented space at 999 Asylum Avenue in Hartford across the street from the present location.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated September 17, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b to allow Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, Inc. to provide outpatient psychiatric services at 999 Asylum Avenue in Hartford.
4. DMHAS stated in its letter that the expansion to 999 Asylum Avenue addresses the overcrowding at Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services' present facility located at 896 Asylum Avenue.

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5. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$1,100.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic at 999 Asylum Avenue in Hartford 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) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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