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Susanne Campbell, RN, CMS
Vice President of Health Services
United Community and Family Services, Inc.
47 Town Street
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 04- 30337-DTR
United Community and Family Services, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639e, C.G.S.
Transfer of ownership of School Based Dental Services from Child & Family Agency of
Southeastern CT to United Community and Family Services, Inc. in Groton

Dear Ms. Campbell:

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-639e of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), for the transfer of ownership of School Based Dental Services from Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT to United Community and Family Services, Inc. in Groton.

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

1. Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT currently provides dental services at 3 school based clinics in Groton.
2. The locations of the clinics are as follows:
 - West Side Middle School 250 Brandegee Avenue, Groton, CT 06340
 - Claude Chester Elementary School 1 Harry Day Drive, Groton, CT 06340
 - Eastern Point Elementary School 130 Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340

3. The services are provided on a contract basis by United Community and Family Services (UCFS), Norwich.
4. UCFS is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).
5. The Board of Directors of Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT, Inc. has voted to transfer the dental services component of the School Based Health Centers to United Community and Family Services, Norwich, CT. The Board of Directors of United Community and Family Services (UCFS), Norwich, has voted to adopt the program.
6. UCFS has an increased capacity to provide dental care for the large number of children in Groton who have not been able to access oral health care in the community.
5. The program transfer will not disrupt the care already being provided, as Child & Family has subcontracted with UCFS for the dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist, and quality assurance staff since the inception of services in 2000.
6. The capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the transfer of ownership of School Based Dental Services from Child & Family Agency of Southeastern CT. to United Community and Family Services, Inc. in Groton meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639e 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,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Rose Mclellan, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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