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David Whitehead
Vice President, Planning
The William W. Backus Hospital
326 Washington Street
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30635-DTR
The William W. Backus Hospital
Establishment of a Satellite Mobile MRI Service in Franklin, CT

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

On November 15, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of The William W. Backus Hospital to establish a satellite magnetic resonance imaging service in Franklin, at a total proposed capital cost of \$788,800. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. The William W. Backus Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care, general hospital located at 326 Washington Street in Norwich, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined in Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
3. The Hospital's Radiology Department provides a variety of imaging services to individuals residing in the Hospital's service area including magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") services.
4. The Hospital is proposing to establish a satellite magnetic resonance imaging service in leased office space at 82 New Park Avenue in Franklin, Connecticut.
5. The Hospital is undertaking the proposal to improve access and convenience to those individuals that have previously been receiving their MRI scanning services at the Hospital.
6. The Hospital proposes to:

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- Utilize its primary mobile MRI scanner on a part-time basis for the proposed Franklin satellite; and
 - Discontinue the use of its secondary mobile MRI scanner at the Hospital.
7. Alliance Imaging, Inc. will be providing the proposed satellite service under a purchased services agreement with the Hospital.
 8. The proposed MRI satellite will serve individuals residing and/or working in Franklin and the following towns proximate to Franklin: Bozrah, Canterbury, Griswald, Lisbon, Norwich, Preston, Sprague and Voluntown.
 9. The total proposed capital cost associated with the proposal is \$788,800.
 10. The Hospital plans to finance the proposal from available operating funds.
 11. The anticipated start date for the service is January, 2006.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed establishment of a satellite MRI service in Franklin represents an additional function or service for the Hospital pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, the Hospital is required to seek and obtain Certificate of Need approval for the establishment of the satellite MRI service in Franklin, Connecticut.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on November 15, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore the Hospital may file a completed CON application with OHCA between January 14, 2006, and March 15, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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