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Jeanine V. Lisee
Manager, Administrative Services
Day Kimball Hospital
320 Pomfret Street
Putnam, CT 06260

RE: Day Kimball Hospital's Certificate of Need Determination Request
Determination Report Number: 06-30672-EXM
Proposal to Acquire and Install a Replacement HIS System

Dear Ms. Lisee:

On January 18, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request to acquire and install a replacement hospital information system. The request was filed pursuant to Public Act 05-168, which amends Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."). OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Day Kimball Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care, general hospital located at 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the C.G.S.
3. The Hospital is proposing to acquire and install a new replacement hospital information system ("HIS").
4. The replacement HIS will address the following applications needed to support the Hospital's essential functions: patient admission, online patient documentation, electronic medical records, medication administration and patient accounting.

5. Public Act: 05-168 amends Section 19a-639a of the C.G.S. by adding subsection (c) which reads as follows:

“The Office of Health Care Access shall, in its discretion; exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after October 1, 2005.”

6. The project will result in no change or impact to the Hospital’s patient population or payments from third party payers.
7. The total capital cost for the acquisition and installation of the HIS is \$5,242,030.
8. The Hospital proposes to fund the proposal through equity sources and lease financing.
9. The estimated start date for project is April, 2006.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the Hospital’s proposal meets the requirements of Public Act: 05-168, which amends Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes and that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Day Kimball Hospital to acquire and install a new replacement hospital information system. Therefore, it will not be necessary for you to obtain further permission from OHCA in order to proceed with the proposed HIS replacement.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, of the Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting Unit, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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