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Frances Friend
Executive Director
Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology
d/b/a Community CancerCare
73 A Haynes Street
Manchester, Connecticut 06040

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 06-30726-DTR
Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology d/b/a Community CancerCare
Upgrade (Retrofit) Existing Linear Accelerator with Multi-leaf Collimator, IMRT and
Electronic Portal Imaging at its Enfield Office

Dear Ms. Friend:

On April 4, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination request regarding the proposal of Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology d/b/a Community CancerCare ("NRRON") to upgrade (retrofit) existing Linear accelerator with multi-leaf Collimator, IMRT and Electronic Portal Imaging at the Enfield Office also known as The Phoenix Community Cancer Center.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. The Enfield office of Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology d/b/a Community CancerCare, also known as The Phoenix Community Cancer Center ("NRRON") is located at 142 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, Connecticut, 06082.
2. NRRON currently operates a linear accelerator at the Enfield office.
3. NRRON proposes to upgrade (retrofit) its existing linear accelerator located at the Enfield office with a multi-leaf, IMRT and electronic portal imaging capability.
4. The proposed upgrades will offer the following benefits:

- a. The IMRT capability will allow for higher and more effective radiation doses delivered safely to selected tumors with fewer side effects, resulting in better tumor control and less damage to healthy tissue.
 - b. The multi-leaf collimator will reduce the time required to perform each treatment and increase the capacity.
5. NRRON stated that this proposed upgrade (retrofit) will provide improved treatment options, patient care and access for the patients living in the towns of Enfield, Somers, Stafford, Suffield, Windsor, Windsor Locks, East Windsor, Granby, East Granby and Ellington.
 6. The proposed total expenditure for the proposed upgrade is as follows:

Table One: Total Capital Expenditure

Medical Equipment-MLC&IMRT Upgrade	\$239,500
Imaging Equipment-Portal Vision Upgrade	159,500
Total Capital Expenditure	\$399,000

7. NRRON will purchase the equipment/upgrades through their equity and specifically through operating funds.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of Northeast Regional Radiation Oncology d/b/a Community CancerCare also known as The Phoenix Community Cancer Center located at 142 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, Connecticut, to upgrade (retrofit) existing Linear accelerator with multi-leaf Collimator, IMRT and Electronic Portal Imaging for a total capital expenditure of \$399,000, will not require CON approval from OHCA pursuant to Sections 19a-638 or 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for letting OHCA know of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DHSR, DPH

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