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Claudio A. Capone
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New Britain General Hospital
100 Grand Street
New Britain, CT 06050

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 06-30767-DTR
New Britain General Hospital
Proposal to Replace X-Ray Equipment in Emergency Department

Dear Mr. Capone:

On June 15, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need Determination Request regarding New Britain General Hospital's ("Hospital") proposal to replace the existing x-ray equipment in the Hospital's Emergency Department at a total capital expenditure of \$903,315. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. New Britain General Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care, general hospital located at 100 Grand Street in New Britain, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is proposing to replace the x-ray equipment used within two rooms of the Hospital's Emergency Department.
3. The existing x-ray equipment is ten years old and can no longer adequately serve the needs of the Hospital. Down time for the existing machines has increased and the manufacturer is not required to stock parts for equipment that is older than ten years.
4. The existing x-ray equipment will be replaced with equipment that will provide digitized high quality images allowing the Hospital's Emergency department to bring the radiographic equipment up to current technological standards.

5. One of the rooms will have its x-ray equipment replaced with a standard digital x-ray machine, the Shimadzu RadSpeed RSP Elevating Table Radiographic System at a vendor-quoted expenditure of \$472,475.
6. The second room will have its x-ray equipment replaced with a Quantum QV-800 Digital Radiographic System with a digital, wall-mounted c-arm, at a vendor-quoted expenditure of \$280,840. This equipment will be used primarily for ambulatory and wheelchair patients.
7. The Hospital will perform associated renovations to the two rooms at a capital expenditure of \$150,000. The renovations will update the rooms' décor and repair areas of wear and tear.
8. The total capital expenditure for the acquisition of new x-ray equipment to replace the existing x-ray equipment, along with associated renovations, is \$903,315.
9. The Hospital's existing equipment will be discarded once the replacement equipment is operational.
10. The Hospital plans to have the replacement project completed by September 2006.
11. Pursuant to Public Act 05-93, CON approval is required, regardless of cost, for anyone acquiring, purchasing or accepting donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner, MRI, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing new technology that is being introduced to the state.
12. Pursuant to Section 19a-639, C.G.S., each health care facility or institution proposing a capital expenditure exceeding one million dollars, or the acquisition of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, including the leasing or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office.

The Hospital's proposal does not constitute the establishment of a new or additional imaging service, nor is it considered within the scope of imaging equipment acquisition, as delineated in Public Act: 05-93, C.G.S., as the Hospital is not proposing to acquire a CON regulated piece of imaging equipment. In addition, the proposed capital expenditure does not exceed \$1,000,000.

Based on the above information, OHCA determines that New Britain General Hospital's proposal to replace the aged x-ray equipment in its Emergency Department, at a total capital expenditure of \$903,315 does not require CON authorization pursuant to Public Act 95-93 and Section 19a-639, C.G.S.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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