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Ms. Jacqueline Epright  
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 06-30788-DTR  
Terminate sleep lab services in Fairfield and establish sleep lab services in Trumbull  
Gaylord Hospital

Dear Ms. Epright:

On July 21, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your response to OHCA's July 6, 2006 inquiry regarding the establishment of a Gaylord Hospital sleep lab center in Trumbull. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the July 21, 2006 submission and makes the following findings:

1. Gaylord Hospital (the "Hospital") is a chronic disease hospital located in Wallingford Connecticut and a health care facility or institution pursuant to Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The Hospital has recently relocated a sleep medicine center from 1495 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield to 180 Hawley Lane in Trumbull and increased the capacity of the center from three to six beds.
3. The Hospital has signed a lease, outfitted space and is now in operation at the Marriott Trumbull since May 23, 2006.
4. The Hospital indicates that it is the largest provider of Sleep Medicine services in Connecticut, with accredited centers located throughout the state. In these sleep lab facilities, the Hospital performs sleep diagnosis resulting from respiratory and neurological causes, such as sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy and hypertension.

5. The Hospital's sleep lab physicians are board-certified in Sleep Medicine and all of the Hospital's sleep centers have received accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.
6. According to the Hospital's website, the sleep medicine location terminated at 1495 Black Rock Turnpike in Fairfield was established in 1998.
7. The Hospital's sleep lab locations are satellites of Gaylord Hospital, although they are not listed as such on the Hospital's facility license.
8. The Trumbull sleep lab center is intended to primarily serve Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Shelton, Milford, Monroe and other surrounding communities.
9. All sleep medicine services are billed under the Hospital's provider number and the Hospital manages all the sleep medicine services.
10. The capital expenditure incurred to establish this service location was \$119,295. Operating funds were used to finance this capital expenditure.
4. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states, in part, that the introduction of any additional function or services and the termination of a health care function or service require authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Gaylord Hospital has terminated a sleep medicine center in Fairfield and has established a new sleep medicine center in Trumbull, both pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, CON approval is required for this termination of a health care service and establishment of a new health care service.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on July 21, 2006 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Gaylord Hospital may file a completed CON application with OHCA between September 19, 2006 and November 18, 2006. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on August 1, 2006*

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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