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Mary Ellen Hass
Executive Director
HealthCare Connection, Inc.
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Stamford, CT 06901

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 06-30796-EXM
HealthCare Connection, Inc.
School Based Health Center at Rippowam Middle School

Dear Ms. Hass:

On July 11, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a school based health center at the Rippowam Middle School, located at 381 High Ridge Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

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

1. HealthCare Connection, Inc. ("HCC") is proposing to establish a school based health center ("Clinic") at 381 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT.
2. The proposed Clinic will serve Rippowam Middle School ("RMS") and also the children in the Academy of Information Technology and Engineering ("AITE") High School.
3. RMS has a current enrollment of 865 students ages 11-14 and AITE's current enrollment is 279 students, adolescents ages 13-19.
4. The Clinic will be staffed by a Nurse Practitioner, a Social Worker and a Receptionist.
5. Clinical consultation will be provided by HCC's Medical Director.

6. The Clinic will combine health education, preventive services and disease management to provide a positive impact and encourage healthy behaviors and reduce morbidities in this population.
7. The Clinic's staff will work to foster linkages with the guidance counselors, school social worker, school psychologist, teachers and other school staff. Also, classroom presentations will be used to market available Clinic services and to provide health education on relevant health topics.
8. There associated total capital expenditure with this proposal is \$85,000.
9. An August 29, 2006 start date for clinic operations is anticipated.
10. The proposed school based health center will be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("DPH") and will meet DPH standards for a comprehensive school-based health clinic.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH

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