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Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 06-30831-EXM  
Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School  
School Based Health Center

Dear Ms. Durdy:

On September 21, 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 Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School located at 173 Derby Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

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

1. The New Haven Board of Education is proposing to establish a school based health center ("clinic") at the Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School ("Barnard") located at 173 Derby Street, New Haven.
2. The Hospital of Saint Raphael ("Hospital") has collaborated with Barnard since 1991, supporting the school with courses on nutrition and other health related programs.
3. The clinic will be staff by a nurse practitioner and an administrative aid; both employed by the Hospital. A clinical social worker, employed by the Yale Child Studies Center, will also be part of the staff. These positions are fully funded by a grant from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health ("DPH") to the New Haven Board of Education which contracts with both the Hospital and the Yale Child Studies Center for the facility's staff. The grant also covers equipment and supplies.

4. Each student at Barnard is eligible to use the clinic regardless of insurance coverage or the ability to pay.
5. There is no associated capital expenditure with this proposal.
6. A November 2006 start date for clinic operations is anticipated.
7. The proposed school based health center will be licensed by DPH as an outpatient clinic and will meet DPH standards for a comprehensive school-based health clinic.
8. Pursuant to Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) and notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638, subsection (a) of section 19a-639a or subsection (a) of this section, no school-based health care center shall be subject to the provisions of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of this section if the center: (1) Is or will be licensed by the Department of Public Health as an outpatient clinic; (2) has been approved by the Department of Public Health as meeting its standard model for comprehensive school-based health centers; (3) proposes capital expenditures not exceeding one million dollars and does not exceed such amount; (4) once operational, continues to operate and provide services in accordance with the department's standard model for comprehensive school-based health centers; and (5) is or will be located entirely on the property of a functioning school.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of the Hospital of Saint Raphael to establish a school-based health clinic at the Barnard Environmental Studies Magnet School at 170 Derby Avenue in New Haven 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 Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,  
Commissioner

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

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