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April 25, 2008

Gary M. Steck
Executive Director
Wellpath, Inc.
70 Pine Street
Waterbury, CT 06710

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31123-EXM
Wellpath, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Torrington

Dear Mr. Steck:

The Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need (“CON”) process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 30 Peck Road in Torrington.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Wellpath, Inc. (“WI”) is a non-profit facility located at 70 Pine Street in Waterbury, Connecticut.
2. WI is proposing to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 30 Peck Road in Torrington.
3. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated April 7, 2008, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, MSW, JD endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.

4. DCF states that Wellpath, Inc. is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered in Waterbury, Connecticut that provides a continuum of treatment and support programs for children and youth throughout Northwestern, CT. Services funded by DCF include an outpatient clinic, emergency mobile psychiatric services, care coordination, functional family therapy (“FFT”), intensive in-home child and adolescent psychiatric services (“IICAPS”), enhanced care coordination and therapeutic group homes.
5. DCF also states that the proposed establishment of a new site for service is consistent with DCF’s efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and particularly in the Northwestern area of the state.
6. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$25,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Wellpath, Inc.’s request to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 30 Peck Road in Torrington, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on April 25, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW., J.D. Commissioner, DCF
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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