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May 21, 2008

Ms. Nancy M. Hamson
Director of Planning
Greenwich Hospital
5 Perryridge Road
Greenwich, CT 06830

RE: Report Number 08-31168-DTR; A Certificate of Need Determination
Greenwich Hospital
Establishment of outpatient physical and occupational medicine services in Stamford, CT

Dear Ms. Hamson:

On May 14, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received from Greenwich Hospital ("Hospital") a response to OHCA's April 24, 2008 inquiry regarding the establishment of outpatient physical therapy services at 2015 West Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut. OHCA's inquiry was initiated as a result of an April 16, 2008 article in the Greenwich Times entitled "*Hospital opens new facility to meet need*". OHCA is reviewing this matter under Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31168-DTR. OHCA staff has reviewed the May 14, 2008 submission and makes the following findings in this matter:

1. Greenwich Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital with a main campus located at 5 Perryridge Road in Greenwich Connecticut. The Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
2. The Hospital currently provides physical, occupational and psychiatry services at its main hospital campus. The Hospital has recently established physical, occupational and psychiatry services at 2015 West Main Street in Stamford.
3. Pursuant to the Greenwich Times article, the Hospital opened this facility for patients using physical therapy to recover from surgery. Currently, there are two physical therapists and one occupational therapist on staff each day and a physician three days per week.
4. The Physical Therapists provide care for a variety of diagnoses including orthopedic and neurologic. This would include specific diagnoses such as low back pain, balance disorders, post surgical rehabilitation, etc.

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5. The Occupational Therapists provide care focused on hand and upper extremity disorders. This includes repetitive and traumatic type injuries.
6. The Physiatrists provide medical management of physical and rehabilitation needs. They evaluate new patients, prescribe medications and necessary therapies, and services such as acupuncture, and trigger point injections.
7. State-of-the-art care is provided through the use of modalities and equipment such as ultrasound, electric stimulation, cold laser treatment, treadmills, bicycles, parallel bars, and training stairs.
8. The Hospital is the legal entity providing the services. The clinicians are employed by the Hospital. The Hospital bills for and receives reimbursement for these services under its provider number.
9. The Hospital incurred \$1,297,027 related to the establishment of this location.
10. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution, including any inpatient rehabilitation facility, which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Greenwich Hospital is a health-care facility and that the establishment and operation of a physical, occupational and physiatry health center site in Stamford represents the establishment of a new service in a new location. Therefore, Greenwich Hospital's establishment and operation of a physical, occupational and physiatry health center site at 2015 West Main Street in Stamford Connecticut requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Hospital must file a Letter of Intent with OHCA at its earliest convenience related to this project.

If you have any questions regarding this CON determination matter, please contact Karen Roberts, Compliance Officer at (860) 418-7041. If you have any questions regarding the Letter of Intent or Certificate of Need process, please contact Kimberly Martone, Supervisor of the CON process at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on May 21, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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