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June 12, 2008

David Whitehead
Vice President – Planning
The William W. Backus Hospital
326 Washington Street
Norwich, CT 06360

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 08-31176-DTR
The William W. Backus Hospital
Additional Service Site for the Provision of Mobile MRI
Outpatient Services at 113 Salem Turnpike in Norwich, CT

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

On June 3, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination request concerning an additional service site for the provision of outpatient mobile magnetic resonance imaging services at 113 Salem Turnpike in Norwich, CT. The proposed capital expenditure for the project is \$379,927. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. The William W. Backus Hospital (“Hospital”) is an acute care hospital located at 326 Washington Street in Norwich.
2. The Hospital currently operates an outpatient mobile magnetic resonance imaging (“MRI”) scanner at the following sites: the Hospital campus, 326 Washington Street, Norwich and the Backus Health Center, 163 Broadway, Colchester.
3. The acquisition of this mobile MRI scanner, the Hospital’s second MRI unit, was approved by OHCA on February 26, 2002 under Docket Number: 01-522.
4. The Hospital proposes an additional service site for the provision of outpatient mobile MRI services at the Backus Outpatient Care Center, located at 113 Salem Turnpike in Norwich.

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5. The Hospital indicates that the addition of this third mobile MRI service site will improve access to meet the MRI scanning needs of the Hospital's outpatient population.
6. The Hospital is not proposing the acquisition of new equipment at this time.
7. The target population for the service will be the same as the existing population, and there is expected to be no change to the existing payer mix for the service.
8. The associated capital expenditure for building work to accommodate the MRI scanner at the Backus Outpatient Care Center site is \$379,927.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of an additional service site for the provision of outpatient mobile magnetic resonance imaging services at the Backus Outpatient Care Center, 113 Salem Turnpike in Norwich represents the establishment of a new service at a new location. Consequently, the proposal requires Certificate of Need approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on June 3, 2008, as the Letter of Intent for this matter. Therefore, the Hospital, may file a completed CON application with OHCA between August 2, 2008 and October 1, 2008. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on June 12, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR

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