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June 20, 2008

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

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31182-DTR
The William W. Backus Hospital
Proposal of Clinical Laboratory Renovations

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

On June 4, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request regarding the renovations of the Clinical Laboratory ("Laboratory") at The William W. Backus Hospital ("Hospital), with an associated capital expenditure of \$5,140,925. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your proposal in light of Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 08-14 and makes the following findings:

1. The Hospital is an acute care hospital located at 326 Washington Street in Norwich. 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's existing Laboratory, which is located at the Hospital was built in 1976 and since then has not been extensively renovated.
3. The Hospital is proposing to renovate the existing Laboratory to enhance operational efficiencies and improve the physical facility.
4. The cost of the proposal is as follows: \$561,100 for non-medical equipment and \$4,579,825 for the associated renovation, for a combined total capital expenditure of \$5,140,925.

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5. The Hospital stated that as a result of this proposal, there will be:

- no additional medical equipment purchased;
- no additional services provided; and
- no additional permanent staffing.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that The William W. Backus Hospital's proposal for the Clinical Laboratory renovations, with a total capital expenditure of \$5,140,925, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 08-14, and therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Therefore, the proposal does not require Certificate of Need approval.

This project is non-clinical in nature as it will not be providing a new or additional function or service, and is a capital expenditure to renovate an existing Clinical Laboratory. If in the future, the Hospital's proposal changes in cost, service or scope, the Hospital shall file with OHCA a Certificate of Need Determination Request regarding the proposed change.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on June 20, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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