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COMMISSIONER

October 28, 2008

Ninete Vaverchek, LPN
Practice Manager
Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center
1 Lake Street, Bldg. B
New Britain, CT 06052

Re: Certificate of Need Determination: Report 08-31244-DTR
Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center
Establishment and Operation of an Outpatient Surgical Facility

Dear Ms. Vaverchek:

On October 2, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received the Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request filed by you on behalf of Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center ("Petitioner") regarding the proposed licensure of a single-specialty outpatient surgical facility at 1 Lake Street, New Britain, Connecticut.

OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center ("Surgery Center") is located at 1 Lake Street, Building B, New Britain, Connecticut.
2. The Center is a physician-based, single-specialty surgical center that provided urological surgical procedures from late 2002 to 2006.
3. In 2006, the physicians' practice decided to suspend surgical services due to proposed legislation to regulate outpatient surgical facilities. The physicians also decided that the cost and physical requirement needed to comply for licensure was prohibitive.
4. The Surgery Center is seeking licensure by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health as an Outpatient Surgical Facility.

5. Section 19a-638 (2), C.G.S., states, in part, that:

“each health care facility or institution that intends to introduce any additional function or service requires authorization from OHCA to undertake such function or service.”

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center is a health-care facility and that the proposal to establish and operate an outpatient surgical facility represents the establishment of a new service. Therefore, the proposal requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2), C.G.S. Grove Hill Urology Surgery Center must file a Letter of Intent with OHCA in order to pursue its proposal to establish and operate an outpatient surgical facility at 1 Lake Street in New Britain.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, or Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001. 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 October 28, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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