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Joseph J. Sullivan, LCSW
President/CEO
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
38 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 09-31380-EXM
Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Obtain an Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification Treatment License in Danbury

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On May 27, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to obtain an ambulatory chemical detoxification treatment license for a facility located in Danbury, Connecticut.

Upon review of the information contained in your request, OHCA makes the following findings:

1. Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc. ("MCCA") is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
2. MCCA is proposing to provide ambulatory chemical detoxification treatment services for adults at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received May 18, 2009 from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under Section 17a-678, C.G.S. to allow Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc. to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons for ambulatory detoxification treatment for adults at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury. The program will serve primarily the Greater Danbury area and secondarily Regions 1 (Southwest) and 5 (Northwest).

4. DMHAS states that the ambulatory detoxification program located at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury will serve clients with opiate addiction who do not meet inpatient medically managed detoxification criteria. The proposed program will serve 83 unduplicated clients annually. MCCA is funded under DMHAS' Human Services contract and General Assistance program.
5. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism, Inc.'s request to establish an ambulatory chemical detoxification treatment service for adults at 38 Old Ridgebury Road in Danbury meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 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,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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