

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR

July 14, 2009

Rev. Duncan C. Hunter Administrator Bickford Health Care Center 14 Main Street Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Re:

CON Determination Report Number: 09-31382-DTR Newport/Bickford, Inc. d/b/a Bickford Health Care Center Establishment of an Outpatient Rehabilitation Service

## Dear Reverend Hunter:

On June 22, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Newport/Bickford, Inc. d/b/a Bickford Health Care Center to establish an outpatient rehabilitation service. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Newport/Bickford, Inc. d/b/a Bickford Health Care Center ("Petitioner") is a non-profit skilled nursing facility located at 14 Main Street in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.
- 2. The Petitioner is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health to maintain and operate a forty-eight (48) bed chronic and convalescent nursing home.
- 3. The Petitioner offers long term and short term nursing care, physical, occupational, and speech therapies to its inpatient residents through a service contract with All Star Therapy, LLC. All Star Therapy's business address is 21 Waterville Road, Avon, Connecticut.
- 4. The Petitioner is seeking to provide an outpatient rehabilitation service, which will include physical, occupational, and speech therapy services.
- 5. The proposed service will treat the following types of individuals:
  - The Petitioner's short-term rehabilitation residents who have been discharged home to the surrounding communities of Windsor Locks, Windsor, Bloomfield, Granby, East Granby, Suffield, and East Windsor; and
  - Other individuals from the general community requiring outpatient rehabilitation services.
- 6. The proposed outpatient rehabilitation therapy service will be provided under the existing service contract between the Petitioner and All Star Therapy, LLC.

- 7. The proposed service will be offered at the health center between the hours of 7:30 am to 10:00 am and again from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
- 8. The Petitioner will bill for outpatient rehabilitation services rendered under its current provider number and a separate general ledger account will be established for bookkeeping purposes.
- 9. The capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$3,500 for rehabilitation equipment and furnishings.
- 10. According to Section 19a-639a of the Connecticut General Statutes, residential care homes and nursing homes are exempt from Certificate of Need review by OHCA.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required from OHCA for Newport/Bickford, Inc. d/b/a Bickford Health Care Center to proceed with its proposal to establish an outpatient rehabilitation service. Please be advised that according to Section 19a-639a, C.G.S., 10 to 60 days prior to initiating the service, you must register this service with OHCA. A copy of the registration form is attached for your convenience.

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

Sincerely

Cristine A. Vo Commissioner

Attachment

c: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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