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Via Facsimile Only

J. Kevin Kinsella
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RE: CON Determination; Report Number: 09-31396-DTR
Hartford Hospital's Proposal to Acquire and Operate a C-Arm Vascular
Angiography System, Pursuant to 19a-639(a) of the Connecticut General
Statutes, as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 94(c)

Dear Mr. Kinsella:

On June 30, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Hartford Hospital to acquire and operate a C-arm vascular angiography system in Hartford, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Hartford Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care hospital located at 80 Seymour Street in Hartford, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital is seeking to acquire and operate a Siemens Artis Zeego, C-arm vascular angiography system. The system will be installed in one of the Hospital's existing operating room suites.
3. The Hospital contends that the proposed vascular angiography system will allow its physicians to perform more complex endovascular interventions, provide improved imaging quality, increase patient safety, and allow for the incorporation of other imaging modalities, such as three dimensional reconstructions and intravascular ultrasound examinations.

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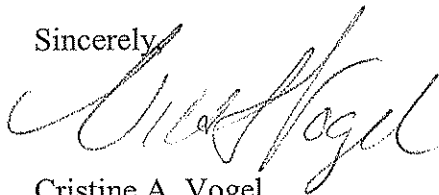
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4. The current and target populations to be served by this proposal are patients residing in the Hospital's service area who have peripheral vascular disease.
5. The Hospital contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$2,989,000.
6. Pursuant to 19a-639(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 94(c), cineangiography imaging equipment no longer requires CON authorization from OHCA.
7. OHCA finds that the Hospital's proposal represents the acquisition and operation of cineangiography imaging equipment.

Based on these findings, OHCA determines that Certificate of Need approval is not required from OHCA for Hartford Hospital to proceed with its proposal to acquire and operate a C-arm vascular angiography system.

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

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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