

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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August 17, 2009

Michael Twohig, M.D.
President
Radiology Associates of Hartford, P.C.
1000 Asylum Avenue
Suite 3201E
Hartford, CT06105

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Re:

CON Determination Report Number 09-31408-DTR Radiology Associates of Hartford, P.C.

Acquisition and operation of a 1.0 Tesla MRI by a private physician practice in 2005.

Dear Dr. Twohig:

On July 13, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a CON Determination Form 2020 regarding Radiology Associates of Hartford, P.C. ("Applicant") 2005 acquisition and operation of a 1.0 Tesla Mobile MRI. Additional information was received on August 12, 2009. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Radiology Associates of Hartford, P.C. ("Applicant") is a for-profit entity that provides outpatient and inpatient diagnostic and interventional imaging services both independent of and in conjunction with Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and its affiliated entities.
- 2. The Applicant currently operates a 1.0 Tesla MRI scanner at 9 Cranbrook Boulevard in Enfield, Connecticut.
- 3. On June 1, 2005, the Applicant agreed to and accepted the conditions of a lease commitment letter with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. ("Vendor") to acquire the 1.0 Tesla MRI scanner at a cost of \$374,000.
- 4. The Applicant provided a copy of a letter from the Vendor confirming the order for the 1.0 Tesla MRI scanner, as well as the receipt of a check and signed lease commitment An Equal Opportunity Employer

410 Capitol Ave., MS#13HCA, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 Telephone: (860) 418-7001 Toll-Free: 1-800-797-9688 Fax: (860) 418-7053 letter dated May 25, 2005, which constituted a binding agreement between them for the transaction.

- 5. The Applicant provided a copy of a check dated May 31, 2005 paid to the Vendor for the first lease payment due in the amount of \$34,884.
- 6. The Applicant provided evidence demonstrating that a patient was scanned at its Enfield location with the 1.0 Tesla MRI scanner on October 21, 2005.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for the acquisition and operation of the 1.0 Tesla MRI scanner because certain binding commitments were made prior to the implementation of Public Act 05-93 and the equipment was in operation prior to July 1, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Carmen Cotto at (860) 418-7001.

Sincere

Cristine A Vogel

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