



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Felicia DeDominicis
Senior Vice President, Legal Affairs, Chief Legal Officer
Hospital for Special Care
2150 Corbin Avenue
New Britain, CT 06053

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31496-DTR
Hospital for Special Care
Expansion of the Neurobehavioral Program at the Hospital's Main Campus

Dear Ms. DeDominicis:

On November 10, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter regarding the expansion of the neurobehavioral program at 2150 Corbin Avenue in New Britain, Connecticut, at a total capital cost of \$5,838,167.

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

1. Hospital for Special Care ("HSC") is a private, non-profit, 228-bed Chronic Disease Hospital located at 2150 Corbin Avenue in New Britain, Connecticut.
2. HSC possess expertise in physical rehabilitation, respiratory care and medically-complex pediatrics. In addition, special programs are available in the treatment of spinal cord injuries and illness, acquired brain injuries, strokes, and breathing disorders for the physically disabled.
3. HSC seeks to expand an existing program that provides services to patients suffering from conditions associated with post-traumatic brain injury. HSC has provided this program to patients since the early 1990s and refers to it as the Neurobehavioral Program ("NBP").
4. HSC would accomplish this expansion of its existing NBP by taking the following steps:
 - Constructing an addition of approximately 14,000 square feet to HSC's existing building at the New Britain Campus;
 - Reallocating five (5) of its currently licensed beds from its satellite location at Blue Hills Avenue in Hartford to its New Britain Campus; and
 - Reallocating ten (10) of its currently licensed beds at the New Britain Campus from other existing programs to the expanded NBP.

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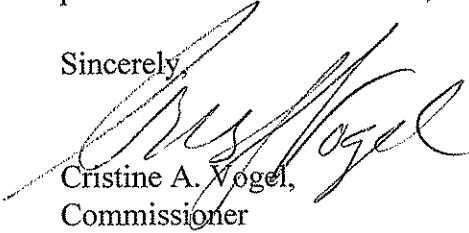
5. Currently, HSC's NPB (which operates only at the New Britain Campus) has eighteen (18) beds allocated to the program. With the requested reallocation of fifteen (15) currently licensed beds, the NBP would have thirty-three (33) beds dedicated to the program.
6. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), the state department charged with providing services for many of these individuals encourages HSC to expand the scope and size of its neurobehavioral program.
7. This proposal does not constitute the offering of an "additional function or service" and no new or additional beds are associated with this expansion.
8. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$5,838,167.
9. These enhanced services provided by HSC will be paid by the Medicaid program, in which 50% of the funds are State and 50% are Federal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Hospital for Special Care's request to expand its Neurobehavioral program at 2150 Corbin Avenue in New Britain, Connecticut, at a total capital expenditure of \$5,838,167 meets the requirements of Section 19a-639a(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Please be advised, as a result of this CON Determination, OHCA is closing the CON proceeding under CON Docket Number: 09-31484-LOI, which was a Letter of Intent filed by Hospital for Special Care for the same proposal.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

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