



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

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Chris Hartley  
Senior Vice President, Planning and Facilities Development  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center  
114 Woodland Street  
Hartford, CT 06105-1299

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 09-31499-DTR  
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center  
Replacement Patient Beds for Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount  
Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital

Dear Mr. Hartley:

On November 17, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter regarding the proposal to replace patient beds at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital at a total capital cost of \$7,533,378.

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

1. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center ("SFHMC") is a private, non-profit, acute care Hospital located at 114 Woodland Street in Hartford, Connecticut.
2. SFHMC is proposing the purchase of new replacement beds at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center as well as Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital to replace Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's old, obsolete fleet of beds.
3. SFHMC's replacement plan is consistent with the recommendations of the 2006 FDA Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup Guidance Document for bed safety and prevention of patient entrapment. Most of the existing beds are several years old and they no longer meet the needs of the Hospital's patients and staff.
4. The new replacement beds offer features designed to reduce patient harm related to falls and skin breakdown. They also include features designed to reduce the likelihood of staff injury related to patient lifting and moving.

5. Below is the chart showing the types and quantity of beds to be bought:

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Bed Type</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Total Medical Surgical Beds	Hill Rom Versacare Bed	415
MSICU	Upgrade Hill Rom Total Care Sport	22
CICU	Upgrade Hill Rom Total Care Sport	20
Sub Total ICU		42
Delivery Room	Hill Rom Affinity Birthing Beds	11
Rehabilitation	Ill Rom Versacare	30

6. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$7,533,378.

7. The proposal will be financed through Hospital equity and capital leasing.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's request to replace its existing patients beds at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, at a total capital expenditure of \$7,533,378 meets the requirements of Section 19a-639a(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

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

Cc: Rose McLellan, License & Applications Supervisor, FLIS, DPH

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