



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

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Andrea Rynn
Director Public and Government Relations
The Danbury Hospital d/b/a Danbury Hospital Geriatric Center
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Re: CON Determination Report Number 10-31519-DTR
Danbury Hospital d/b/a Danbury Hospital Geriatric Center
Relocation of the Hospital's geriatrics services to a physician group serving adolescents,
adults and geriatric patients within the same location in Southbury

Dear Ms. Rynn:

On January 20, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Determination request on behalf of Danbury Hospital d/b/a Danbury Hospital Geriatric Center ("Hospital") to relocate geriatrics services to a physician group serving adolescents, adults and geriatric patients within the same location in Southbury. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. The Hospital is an acute care hospital located at 24 Hospital Avenue, Danbury, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital currently operates the Danbury Hospital Geriatric Center ("Geriatric Practice") at 22 Old Waterbury Road in Southbury.
3. The Hospital is proposing to relocate the Geriatric Practice to the same suite within the same building occupied by the Primary Care of Southbury physician group ("Primary Care Group") at 22 Old Waterbury Road in Southbury.
4. The Primary Care Group was established in 1988 and is currently operated under the umbrella of Danbury Office of Physician Services ("DOPS") which is a multi-specialty physician group affiliated to the Hospital's parent corporation, Danbury Health Systems, Inc.
5. The Hospital and DOPS are both owned and operated by Danbury Health Systems, Inc.
6. The Geriatric Practice's physician and staff will physically relocate across the hall into the Primary Care Group office suite.

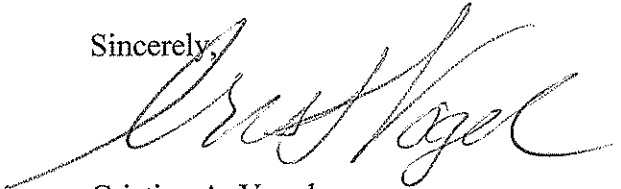
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7. The Hospital contends that Primary Care has the capacity in its leased space to support the Geriatric Practice's operations.
8. The Hospital asserts that the proposed projected will not result in any changes in the geriatric services, staff, payers and population served.
9. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal does not require Certificate of Need approval as it does not involve a transfer of ownership, an additional function or service or a termination of service under § 19a-638. Moreover, there is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal and therefore, the proposal does not require CON approval under § 19a-639 either.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Carmen G. Cotto at (860) 418-7039.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner

CC: Rose McClellan, DPH

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