



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

April 29, 2010

Hayes Russock  
Manager, Quality Management  
The Renfrew Center, LLC  
475 Spring Lane,  
Philadelphia, PA, 19128

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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 10-31605-DTR  
The Renfrew Center, LLC, d/b/a The Renfrew Center of Southern Connecticut  
Request to Waive the Letter of Intent Requirement for the CON Application Filing Window  
for the Relocation of Mental Health Day Treatment and Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic from  
Wilton to Greenwich

Dear Mr. Russock:

On April 15, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Letter of Intent ("LOI") on behalf of The Renfrew Center, LLC, d/b/a The Renfrew Center of Southern Connecticut ("Applicant"). The Letter of Intent requests OHCA to expedite the LOI requirement pertaining to the CON application filing window with regard to the above referenced CON proposal. OHCA has reviewed the request and makes the following findings:

1. On April 15, 2010, the Applicant submitted a Letter of Intent ("LOI") regarding a proposal to relocate a mental health day treatment and psychiatric outpatient clinic from Wilton to Greenwich.
2. The Applicant's LOI included a request for OHCA to waive the LOI requirement pertaining to the CON application filing window, pursuant to Section 19a-638(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
3. The Applicant provides that its request for the LOI requirement waiver is attributable to the expiration of the lease on the building where services are rendered in Wilton. The current lease is expiring May 31, 2010.
4. The Applicant indicates that it has occupied the current space for the last 10 years. The existing space is not able to accommodate the increased demand for services rendered.
5. The Applicant contends that if they are unable to move, they will have to terminate services in Connecticut.

6. The Applicant indicates that the current site has the following access and structural concerns that are unable to be addressed:

- The second floor of the existing facility is not wheelchair accessible;
- The structure of the existing location has presented with a mold problem; and
- Many patients are not able to access the facility other than by automobile. The proposed site is minutes from I-95 and accessible to Metro North buses and trains.

7. Section 19a-638(b), C.G.S. states the following...

*“Upon a showing by such facility or institution that the need for such function, service or termination or change of ownership or control is of an emergency nature, in that the function, service or termination or change of ownership or control is necessary to maintain continued access to the health care services provided by the facility or institution, or to comply with requirements of any federal, state or local health, fire, building or life safety code, the commissioner may waive the letter of intent requirement, provided such request shall be submitted at least ten business days before the proposed date of institution of the function, service or termination or change of ownership or control.”*

Based on these findings, OHCA determines that the request of The Renfrew Center of Southern Connecticut to waive the LOI requirement pertaining to the CON application filing window can be approved and that the request provides satisfactory evidence to establish the emergency nature of the proposal, pursuant to the requirements contained in Section 19a-638(b) C.G.S.

The CON application will be faxed and emailed to the Applicant under a separate cover letter. Further, OHCA anticipates that due to the emergent nature of this proposal the Applicant will file the completed CON application with OHCA no later than Thursday May 13, 2010. If the Applicant is not able to file the CON application by this date, please contact either Paolo Fiducia or Ronald Ciesones at (860) 418-7001 to provide an update. Also, please contact them if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel  
Deputy Commissioner

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