

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

May 12, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Jean Ahn Yale-New Haven Hospital 20 York Street, Howe 3 New Haven, CT 06504

Re:

Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 10-31612-DTR Yale-New Haven Emergency Acquisition of a Nuclear SPECT Camera to Replace an Out-of-Service

Nuclear SPECT Camera at the Hospital's Main Campus

Dear Ms. Ahn:

On May 5, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Yale-New Haven Hospital to acquire a Nuclear SPECT Camera to Replace an Out-of-Service Nuclear SPECT Camera at an estimated total capital expenditure of \$619,060. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Yale-New Haven Hospital ("Petitioner") is a non-profit acute care hospital located at 20 York Street, in New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2. The Petitioner is proposing to replace its Out-of-Service Nuclear SPECT Camera ("existing SPECT") with a newly acquired Nuclear SPECT Camera ("new SPECT") at the Hospital's campus.
- 3. The existing SPECT was purchased 18 years ago and has unexpectedly reached the end of its life.
- 4. The new SPECT is needed to provide immediate services to patients that are already scheduled to receive services with the existing SPECT.
- 5. The Vendor Quotation from GE Healthcare indicates that the new SPECT is a Discovery NM 530c, which is a conventional SPECT with no CT scanning capabilities associated with it.
- 6. The Petitioner will be responsible for the billing and provision of the SPECT services.

7. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$619,060. The Petitioner intends to finance the project through their Equity and Funded Depreciation.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Yale-New Haven Hospital's request to replace its existing SPECT with a new SPECT at the Hospital main campus, at a total capital expenditure of \$619,060 does not require Certificate of Need approval pursuant to § 19a-638 or §19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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

Sincerely

Cristine A. Vogel,

Deputy Commissioner

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