



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

June 8, 2010

John J. Capobianco
Vice President, Administration
The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
540 Litchfield Street
Torrington, CT 06790-0988

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Number 10-31628-DTR
The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
Acquisition and Operation of a Multi-Slice Mobile PET-CT Scanner

Dear Mr. Capobianco:

On May 20, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital's ("Hospital") request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding the acquisition and operation of a multi-slice mobile positron emission tomography ("PET")-computed tomography ("CT") scanner located at its Cancer Center, 200 Kennedy Drive, Torrington and other locations where the hospital provides services. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. The Applicant is a Hospital licensed as an acute care hospital by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, located at 540 Litchfield Street, in Torrington, Connecticut.
2. The Hospital proposes to acquire a multi-slice mobile PET-CT scanner and site it at its Cancer Center located at 200 Kennedy Drive, in Torrington.
3. The multi-slice mobile PET-CT scanner that the Hospital is requesting to acquire and operate will be owned by the Hospital.
4. The Hospital indicates that a mobile PET-CT scanner will allow it the flexibility to utilize the scanner at various locations at which the Hospital provides services such as the main Hospital campus or the Winsted Emergency Services facility.
5. The Hospital is the entity which will be providing and billing for the service(s).

Based on the above findings, pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639(a) C.G.S., CON authorization is required for Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to acquire and operate a multi-slice mobile positron emission tomography ("PET")-Computed Tomography ("CT") scanner. Charlotte Hungerford Hospital may file a Letter of Intent with Office of Health Care Access to request the initiation of the Certificate of Need Process.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Tillman Foster, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner

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