



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

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Margaret Flinter
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Community Health Center, Inc.
635 Main Street
Middletown, CT 06457

RE: Certificate of Need Exemption; Report Number 10-31634-EXM
Community Health Center, Inc.
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Proposal to provide Psychiatric Outpatient Treatment Service for Adults in Groton

Dear Ms. Flinter:

On May 27, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for an exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults in Groton, Connecticut. Community Health Center, Inc. ("CHC") provided the following information with respect to this request:


1. CHC is a private, non-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC") located in Clinton, Groton, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, Danbury, Enfield, New London, Norwalk, Old Saybrook and Stamford, Connecticut.
2. CHC is proposing to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 481 Gold Star Highway, Groton, Connecticut.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received August 24, 2010, from Chief Operating Officer Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, indicates that CHC is a DMHAS funded agency.
4. There is no capital expenditure associated with this proposal.
5. The proposal meets a specific need identified by DMHAS as it will serve approximately 300 adults annually in the Groton area.

6. DMHAS further indicates that the psychiatric outpatient license will provide psychiatric services fully integrated with medical care.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Community Health Center, Inc.'s request to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 481 Gold Star Highway, Groton, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,



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OHCA Deputy Commissioner

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