

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

May 26, 2011

Sally F. Herlihy, FACHE Vice President, Planning Western Connecticut Healthcare, Inc. 24 Hospital Avenue Danbury, CT 06810

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 11-31692-DTR

Withdrawal of New Milford Hospital, Inc. as the Sole Corporate Member of the New

Milford Hospital Visiting Nurse Assocation, Inc.

Dear Ms. Herlihy:

On March 24, 2011, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of New Milford Hospital, Inc. ("NMH"), with respect to whether a CON is required for the withdrawal of NMH as the sole corporate member of the New Milford Hospital Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. ("NMHVNA")

The NMHVNA is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a home health care agency. A CON is not required for home health care agencies pursuant to General Statutes § 19a-638 (b) (6). Therefore, the proposed change in ownership of NMHVNA does not require CON approval.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely.

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