



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

September 30, 2011

Gary Richo, M.D.
Valley Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC
2 Trap Falls Road
Suite 404
Shelton, CT 06484

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 11-31715-DTR
Valley Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC
Relocate Outpatient Surgical Facility from Ansonia to Shelton

Dear Dr. Richo:

On September 23, 2011, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Valley Orthopaedic Specialists, LLC ("VOS") to relocate its outpatient surgical facility ("OSF") from Ansonia to Shelton.

VOS proposes to relocate its OSF from 121 Wakelee Avenue in Ansonia to 2 Trap Falls Road in Shelton. VOS has recently relocated its primary offices to the Shelton location and has sufficient physical space to accommodate the OSF. According to VOS' patient data, during FY 2010, 95% of its OSF patients came from the following towns: Ansonia (22%), Seymour (20%), Shelton (26%), Oxford (14%) and Derby (13%). VOS does not expect a change in the patient population payer mix, as it anticipates no change in the towns from which it currently draws its patients.

Based upon the foregoing, it appears that the proposed relocation of the VOS' OSF from Ansonia to Shelton will not result in a significant change in population or payer mix; therefore, a CON is not required for this proposal pursuant to General Statutes § 19a-639c.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans and if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kimberly R. Martone".

Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations, OHCA

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