



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

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Ms. Shraddha Patel
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Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
365 Montauk Avenue
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RE: Certificate of Need, Report No.: 11-31729-DTR
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
Proposal to Relocate Outpatient Community Cancer Center

Dear Ms. Patel:

On November 8, 2011, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed determination request on behalf of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital ("Hospital"), with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for the Hospital to relocate its Outpatient Community Cancer Center ("Center") from the Hospital's main campus in New London to 475 Boston Post Road, Waterford. Additionally, the Hospital plans to relocate two previously CON authorized Linear Accelerators and one CT Simulator, along with the Center, from New London to Waterford.

The Center is accredited by The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons as a Community Hospital Comprehensive Cancer Program. The Center offers wide ranging outpatient cancer related services including radiation oncology, medical oncology and infusion/chemotherapy. Based on Fiscal Year 2009 data, a total of 36.6% of its patients came from the towns of Waterford (13.6%), New London (11.8%) and Groton (11.2%). All other surrounding towns are individually comprised of less than 7.5% each. The Applicant's current payer mix is 47.9% Medicare, 3.7% Medicaid, 4.0% CHAMPUS & TriCare, 43.7% Commercial and 0.7% Uninsured. Since the new location is only 5 minutes away from the campus in Waterford, the Applicant does not expect a change in the patient population or the payer mix.

Based upon the foregoing, it appears that the proposed relocation of the Outpatient Community Cancer Center from New London to Waterford 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. Additionally, a CON is not required for the relocation of two Linear Accelerators and one CT Simulator.

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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,



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