



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Office of Health Care Access

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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION ONLY

Jim Thibeault
Director of Strategy and Planning
John Dempsey Hospital
263 Farmington Avenue
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 13-31831-DTR
John Dempsey Hospital
Expansion of Outpatient Services to Include General Anesthesia Capability

Dear Mr. Thibeault:

On April 4, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of John Dempsey Hospital ("JDH" or "the Applicant") with respect to whether a CON is required to expand an existing outpatient service to provide general anesthesia in a Brachytherapy/Imaging Suite to be located in a new building separate from the main hospital but on campus.

In an April 30, 2013 response to OHCA, you indicated that radiation therapy is a JDH-based service; JDH will be billing for the facility fees for the Brachytherapy/Imaging Suite but UConn Medical Group will bill for professional fees. Further, you indicated the brachytherapy with anesthesia treatments will be provided in a CT simulator/brachytherapy procedure room designated for radiation treatment planning and simulation.

The brachytherapy with anesthesia treatments to be provided in a procedure room as JDH described it is not an establishment of an outpatient surgical facility as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-638 (5) or a surgical service or diagnostic procedure as defined by §19a-493b. Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is *not required* for the applicant to expand brachytherapy treatments in the designated procedure room to include anesthesia.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Olga Armah, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7070.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations, OHCA

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