



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

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Michael A. Novak
Vice President, Operations
Saint Mary's Hospital
56 Franklin Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06706

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 13-31858-DTR
Saint Mary's Hospital
Replacement of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner

Dear Mr. Novak:

On August 15, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of Saint Mary's Hospital ("Hospital") with respect to whether a CON is required for the Hospital to replace its existing magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") scanner currently operating at the Hospital.

The Hospital received approval to acquire the existing MRI scanner located at the Hospital under Docket Number 88-512. Since then the Hospital has only made upgrades to the MRI but have not replaced it. The Hospital is the sole applicant and owner of the CON issued under Docket Number 88-512.

Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-638(b)(18) states "[r]eplacement of existing imaging equipment if such equipment was acquired through certificate of need approval or a certificate of need determination, provided a health care facility, provider, physician or person notifies the office of the date on which the equipment is replaced and the disposition of the replaced equipment." Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is not required for Saint Mary's Hospital to replace its previously authorized MRI scanner at the Hospital.

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

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations

C: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR

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