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Orthopaedic Ambulatory Surgery

Pain Management Services

January 28, 2014

VIA FACSIMILE & FEDERAL EXPRESS

Honorable Lisa Davis Deputy Commissioner Office of Health Care Access Division of the Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue Haitford, CT 06134-0308

Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Deputy Commissioner Davis:

Enclosed please find a CON Determination Form submitted by Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC ("FSC") regarding the proposed sale of a 40% membership interest in FSC to NSH Connecticut, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Surgical Hospitals, Inc. A hard copy of the enclosed is being transmitted to OHCA by overnight delivery.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (203) 337-2600 or our attorney, Stephen Cowherd, at (203) 259-7900. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven P. Fiore, MBA, FACMPE

Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

Bryan S. Fisher, NSH (w/enc.) cc:

Stephen M. Cowherd, Esq., Jeffers Cowherd P.C. (w/enc.)



State of Connecticut Office of Health Care Access CON Determination Form Form 2020

All persons who are requesting a determination from OHCA as to whether a CON is required for their proposed project must complete this Form 2020. The completed form should be submitted to the Director of the Office of Health Care Access, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#13HCA, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, Connecticut 06134-0308.

SECTION I. PETITIONER INFORMATION

If this proposal has more than two Petitioners, please attach a separate sheet, supplying the same information for each Petitioner in the format presented in the following table.

	Petitioner	Petitioner
Full Legal Name	Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC	NSH Connecticut, Inc.
Doing Business As	Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC	
Name of Parent Corporation		National Surgical Hospitals, Inc.
Petitioner's Mailing Address, if Post Office (PO) Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail	75 Kings Highway Cutoff Fairfield, CT 06824	250 South Wacker Dr., Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60606
What is the Petitioner's Status. P for profit and NP for Nonprofit	Р	Р
Contact Person at Facility, including Title/Position: This Individual at the facility will be the Petitioner's Designee to receive all correspondence in this matter.	Steve Fiore Chief Executive Officer	Bryan S, Fîsher President

Contact Person's Mailing Address, if PO Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail	75 Kings Highway Cutoff Fairfield, CT 06824	250 South Wacker Dr., Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60606
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Contact Person's e-mail Address	sfiore@osgpc.com	bfisher@nshinc.co m

SECTION II. GENERAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION

- a. Proposal/Project Title: Transaction Involving National Surgical Hospitals Inc.
- b. Estimated Total Project Cost: No capital costs are associated with the project.
- c. Location of proposal, identifying Street Address, Town and Zip Code:

 75 Kings Highway Cutoff, Fairfield, CT 06824
- d. List each town this project is intended to serve;
 <u>Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Milford, Shelton, Stratford, Trumbull, Norwalk, Newtown, Wilton, Westport, Weston</u>
- e. Estimated starting date for the project: Upon OHCA Approval

SECTION IV. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Please provide a description of the proposed project, highlighting each of its important aspects, on at least one, but not more than two separate 8.5" X 11" sheets of paper. At a minimum each of the following elements need to be addressed, if applicable:

- 1. If applicable, identify the types of services currently provided and provide a copy of each Department of Public Health license held by the Petitioner.
- 2. Identify the types of services that are being proposed and what DPH licensure categories will be sought, if applicable.
- 3. Identify the current population served and the target population to be served.

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PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC (the "Center") is a licensed outpatient surgical facility located at 75 Kings Highway Cutoff, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824. The Center provides surgical procedures and is currently owned by its seven physician members, Henry Backe, Jr., M.D., David Bindelglass, M.D., Dante Brittis, M.D., Robert Dawe, M.D., Patrick Kwok, M.D., Rolf Langeland, M.D. and Robert Stanton, M.D. (collectively, the "Members"). Please see the attached DPH license.

The Members desire to sell a forty percent (40%) interest in the Center to a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Surgical Hospitals Inc. ("NSH"). NSH is experienced in owning, operating and partnering with physicians in ambulatory surgery centers. Upon the admission of the NSH member, the current physician Members will continue to own and control a majority sixty percent (60%) membership interest in the Center.

The Center will continue to provide high-quality outpatient surgery services to patients who reside primarily in the towns indicated in Section II, (d) above. The Center's scope of services will not change as a result of NSH acquiring its minority interest and procedures at the Center will continue to be performed by shareholders or employees of Orthopaedic Specialty Group, P.C., whose physicians will remain responsible for all clinical decision-making.

The Center will be the entity that maintains responsibility for all billing for Center services and will continue to bill in its own name. No change in licensure or payor mix is anticipated as a result of this proposal. The Center will notify the Department of Public Health of the transaction and admission of NSH as a member in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-493(b)(2).

With this Determination Request, the Center and its Members request OHCA to make a determination that, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-493b(c), a CON is not required for the admission of NSH as a member of the Center as set forth herein. More specifically, the Center is seeking an OHCA determination that the Center's admission of NSH as a member satisfies the statutory conditions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-493b(c). As required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-493b(c), the Center prior to this transfer is owned and controlled exclusively by persons licensed pursuant to Section 20-13 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the Members of the Center are all physicians licensed to practice medicine in the State of Connecticut. Furthermore, after the admission of NSH, persons licensed pursuant to Section 20-13 will continue to own and control sixty percent (60%) of the membership interests in the Center, which meets the threshold established by Section 19a-493b(c).

For the foregoing reasons, the Center hereby requests that OHCA make a determination that the Center is not required to submit to the CON Application process prior to selling a 40% minority interest to NSH as set forth herein.

SECTION V. AFFIDAVIT

(Each Petitioner must submit a completed Affidavit.)
Petitioner: Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC
Project Title: Transaction Involving National Surgical Hospitals Inc.
I, Steve Figre CEO
(Name) (Position – CEO or CFO)
of <u>Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC</u> being duly sworn, depose and state that the (Organization Name)
information provided in this CON Determination form is true and accurate to the best of my
knowledge.
Stefan 1.28.14
Signature Date
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 1.28.14
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Notary Public/Commissioner of Superior Court
My commission expires: 2.28.15

Petitioner: NSH Connecticut, Inc.
Project Title: Transaction Involving National Surgical Hospitals Inc.
I, <u>Bryan S. Fisher</u> , <u>President</u> (Name) (Position – CEO or CFO)
of <u>NSH Connecticut, Inc.</u> being duly sworn, depose and state that the (Organization Name)
information provided in this CON Determination form is true and accurate to the best of my
Signature Date
Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 27, 2014 Landra a McMicholas Notary Public/Commissioner of Superior Court
My commission expires:

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Office of Health Care Access

January 30, 2014

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Mr. Steve Fiore Chief Executive Officer Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC 75 Kings Highway Cutoff Fairfield, CT 06824 Mr. Bryan S. Fisher President NSH Connecticut, Inc. 250 South Wacker Dr., Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60606

RE:

Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 14-31893-DTR

Sale of a 40% Interest in Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC to NSH Connecticut, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

On January 28, 2014, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination Form on behalf of Fairfield Surgery Center, LLC ("Fairfield Surgery Center") and NSH Connecticut, Inc. ("NSH") with respect to the sale of a 40% interest in Fairfield Surgery Center.

Fairfield Surgery Center is a licensed outpatient surgical facility that provides surgical procedures and is currently owned and controlled by seven physician members: Henry Backe, Jr., M.D., David Bindelglass, M.D., Dante Brittis, M.D., Robert Dawe, M.D., Patrick Kwok, M.D., Rolf Langeland, M.D. and Robert Stanton, M.D. (collectively referred to herein as the "Members"). The Members are all persons licensed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 20-13.

The Members are proposing the sale of a 40% interest in Fairfield Surgery Center to NSH. NSH is experienced in owning, operating and partnering with physicians in ambulatory surgery centers. After the sale, the Members will continue to own and control a majority 60% membership interest in Fairfield Surgery Center. Additionally, the physicians will remain responsible for all clinical decision-making.

Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-638(a)(2) requires a CON for the "transfer of ownership of a health care facility". However, Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-493b(c) provides an exception for outpatient surgical facilities whose Connecticut licensed physician members will maintain a controlling 60% ownershipship after a transfer of interest in a facility. Since the Members will maintain a 60% interest in Fairfield Surgery Center, OHCA hereby determines that a CON *is not required* for the proposed sale.

Sincerely,

C:

Kimberly R. Martone Director of Operations

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Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR.

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