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FW: CON Determination Request for Hebrew Home and Hospital and Hebrew Home for

Health & Rehabilitation, LLC

Attachments:

Letter to AG Jepsen regarding Request for Determination Pursuant to Conn....pdf; Letter

to Commissioner Pino at Dept. Public Health re Request for CON De....pdf

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Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 2:38 PM **To:** Martone, Kim; Salton, Henry A.

Cc: Zinn-Rowthorn, Perry A.; Urban, Ralph; Shapiro, Daniel R.; Hawes, Gary W.; Edward H. Burnbaum Esq.

(eburnbaum@nbclaw.com)

Subject: CON Determination Request for Hebrew Home and Hospital and Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC

Dear Kim and Henry,

I am sending for your information electronic copies of the filings being made today with Commissioner Pino and Attorney General Jepson concerning the proposed transfer of Hebrew Home and Hospital's nursing home to Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC. For the reasons stated in the cover letters, we do not believe the proposed transaction is subject to the Conversion Act or to CON review by the Office of Health Care Access.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best.

Melinda

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

June 20, 2016

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Re: Request for CON Determination

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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	Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated	Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC
Doing Business As	Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated	Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC
Name of Parent Corporation	Hebrew Health Care, Inc.	N/A
Petitioner's Mailing Address, if Post Office (PO) Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail	1 Abrahms Blvd. West Hartford, CT 06117	20 East Sunrise Highway Valley Stream, NY 11581
What is the Petitioner's Status: P for profit and NP for Nonprofit	NP	P
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.	Bonnie Gauthier, President and CEO	Marvin J. Ostreicher, Manager

Contact Person's Mailing Address, if PO Box, include a street mailing address for Certified Mail	1 Abrahms Blvd. West Hartford, CT 06117	20 East Sunrise Highway Valley Stream, NY 11581
Contact Person's Telephone Number	860-523-3892	516-705-4801
Contact Person's Fax Number	860-523-3816	516-887-8494
Contact Person's e-mail Address	bgauthier@ hebrewhealthcare.org	mostreicher@ nathealthcare.com

SECTION II. GENERAL PROPOSAL INFORMATION

- a. Proposal/Project Title: Operations Transfer of 257 Skilled Nursing Beds and Related Lease by Hebrew Home and Hospital to Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC
- b. Estimated Total Project Cost: \$300,000 plus lease payments and assumption of approximately \$1,250,000 of liabilities
- c. Location of proposal, identifying Street Address, Town and Zip Code: <u>1 Abrahms</u>
 <u>Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06117</u>
- d. List each town this project is intended to serve: <u>Hartford, West Hartford, Bloomfield, Newington, New Britain, Farmington, and Avon</u>
- e. Estimated starting date for the project: As soon as possible following receipt of all required regulatory approvals

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.

Department of Public Health

LICENSE

License No. 2057-C

Chronic & Convalescent Nursing Home

In accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut Section 19a-493: Hebrew Home and Hospital Incorporated of West Hartford, CT d/b/a Hebrew Home and Hospital Incorporated is hereby licensed to maintain and operate a Chronic & Convalescent Nursing Home.

Hebrew Home and Hospital Incorporated is located at 1 Abrahms Boulevard, West Hartford CT 06117-1508 with:

Lisa Holloway as Administrator *Bonni Horwitz as Director of Nurses Ava M. Pannullo as Medical Director

The maximum number of beds shall not exceed at any time:

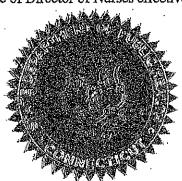
257 Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Home Beds

This license expires September 30, 2016 and may be revoked for cause at any time. Dated at Hartford, Connecticut October 1, 2014

Waiver Sec. 19-13-D8t(v)(8)(C) Exp. N/A
Waiver Sec. 19-13-D8t(v)(7)(C) Exp. N/A
Waiver Sec. 19-13-D8t(v)(20)(A) Exp. N/A
Waiver Sec. 19-13-D8t(b)(1)(B)(a)(8) Exp. N/A
Waiver Sec. 19-13-D8t(v)(9)(B) Exp. N/A
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Revised to include:

*Change of Director of Nurses effective 04/28/15



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Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MPA Commissioner

Department of Public Health

LICENSE

License No. 16CD

Chronic Disease Hospital

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The maximum number of beds shall not exceed at any time:

45 Licensed Beds

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Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MPA

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Commissioner

Department of Public Health

LICENSE

LICENSE NO. 0216

Outpatient Clinic

In accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut Section 19a-493:

Hebrew Home and Hospital, Inc. of West Hartford CT, d/b/a Hebrew Home and Hospital, Inc. is hereby licensed to maintain and operate an Outpatient Clinic.

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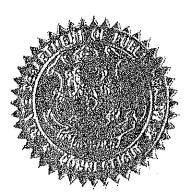
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Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, July 1, 2012. RENEWAL *Corrected Licensee name*

Services:

Primary Care Services

Dental Services



Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MPA Commissioner

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SECTION IV. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION

This CON Determination request is being submitted to the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to Section 19a-486a of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS"). The Petitioners are not, however, waiving their rights to assert that the proposed transaction described herein is not subject to the provisions of Section 19a-486 through 19a-486h of the CGS (the "Conversion Act"), and they expressly reserve their rights to claim that no CON Determination or other review is required under the Conversion Act because, among other reasons, the Hebrew Home and Hospital (the "Home") is not a "nonprofit hospital" as defined by Section 19a-486(1) of the CGS. Further, if it is a nonprofit hospital, for the reasons discussed in the cover letter submitted to the Attorney General with this CON Determination request, the proposed transaction is not subject to the Conversion Act because it would not constitute a transfer of a material amount of the Home's assets or operations or a change in control of operations.

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The Home and Hebrew HealthCare have been experiencing ongoing losses, both at the Home and on a system-wide basis, due generally to the SNF. Consequently, several years ago the Boards of the Home and Hebrew HealthCare began to consider strategic and other options to strengthen their financial position while maintaining their mission to serve vulnerable older adults. In April 2016, following a falled affiliation with Hartford HealthCare and unsuccessful negotiations with Trinity Health-New England (Saint Francis), the Home and Hebrew HealthCare considered other options, including a proposal that Marvin J. Ostreicher, a well-known operator of nursing homes and owner of National Health Care Associates, Inc. ("NHCA") had made in January 2016 related to having NHCA acquire the operations of the SNF.

The Home and Hebrew HealthCare and Mr. Ostreicher have now negotiated the proposed transaction, which will be between the Home and Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC ("HHHR"), a new LLC that Mr. Ostreicher has established that is not part of NHCA. The transaction has not yet been embodied in a formal agreement but is structured as follows:

- HHHR will lease the top three floors of the Home's building, which floors are currently occupied by the SNF and will continue to be used for that purpose. The leased premises will also include (1) all existing personal property, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other related assets necessary for the day to day operations of the skilled nursing facility, and (2) the basement, the kitchen of the building, a multi-purpose room, and the main lobby and the corridors leading to the elevators. The SNF will have a separate entrance from the CDH, so the lease will not affect access to the CDH, and HHHR will provide food service to the CDH.
- The Home will continue to operate its other services, specifically, the CDH, the adult day center, the outpatient rehabilitation service, the physician clinic, and the dementia clinic in the portion of the building not leased to HHHR.
- HHHR and the Home will share use of the administrative offices on the first floor and the Synagogue.
- The initial term of the lease is for 30 years with two 15 year renewal options.

- Rent will be set at an amount equal to the monthly debt service, replacement reserve contributions and mortgage insurance and liability insurance premiums that the Home is currently required to pay to Wells Fargo Bank pursuant to the HUD-insured A mortgage on the property. Commencing in the tenth lease year and each subsequent lease year, if HHHR has realized a certain net profit, base rents can increase. In addition to the base rent, HHHR will be responsible for property taxes applicable to its use of the premises.
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- HHHR will pay \$300,000 to the Home.
- Following the transaction, HHHR will be responsible for the SNF and will bill all payers for services of the SNF. At present, the primary payers for services are Medicaid and Medicare with some commercial insurance and private pay.

This transaction will provide an excellent outcome for the Home and the community. It will immediately improve the Home's balance sheet, which is currently in a significant negative asset position, and it will improve it further in the future by eliminating the ongoing substantial losses from the SNF. Further, it will relieve the Home of the obligation to pay the mortgage, which it would continue to be obligated to pay if it closed the SNF to stop the losses. The Home will continue to provide all other services it currently provides on a nonprofit basis, specifically, CDH services, geriatric psychiatric services, assisted living services, adult day care, and other services for the senior population. At the same time, the SNF will be transferred to a for-profit LLC owned by a well-regarded and well-known nursing home operator who will continue to make the services available for the community, although it is possible that the number of SNF beds could be reduced from 257 to 252 due to a lack of space after it is reconfigured.

As a result of the Proposed Transaction, the balance sheets of the Hebrew HealthCare and the Home will be improved through a combination of the removal of the PTO liability of \$1,250,000 and the receipt of the payment of \$300,000, resulting in a positive effect on the balance sheets of \$1,550,000. The effects on the balance sheets if measured as of 9/30/15 are as follows:

	<u>Home</u>	Hebrew HealthCare
Total Net Assets	(\$24,976,667)	(\$23,853,399)
Transaction Effect	<u>1,550,000</u>	1,550,000
Net Assets Post-	(\$23,426,667)	(\$22,303,399)
Transaction		

In addition, the elimination of the SNF's operating loss will move the Home into a gain from operations.

At present, the SNF serves aging adults who require medical and supportive services and whose serious medical and/or cognitive impairments/chronic conditions make it difficult (or impossible) for them to live in a community setting. The average age of the population served is approximately 89. The target population is the same as the SNF's current population.

Pursuant to Section 19a-638(b)(4), residential care homes, nursing homes and rest homes such as the SNF are exempt from Certificate of Need review. The Petitioners hereby respectfully request confirmation that the proposed transaction is not subject to review under the Conversion Act or Certificate of Need rules.

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I, <u>Bonnie Gauthier, President and CEO of Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated</u> being duly sworn, depose and state that the information provided in this CON Determination form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature '	Date
Subscribed and sworn to before me o	n 6/16/16
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Notary Public/Commissioner of Super	ior Court
My commission expires:	7/31/16

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Re: Request for Determination Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 19-486a

Dear Attorney Agsten,

After reviewing your certificate of need determination letter dated June 20, 2016, and having considered the arguments and information set forth therein, together with the text and purpose of the Conversion Act, 19a-486a, et seq. ("the Act"), we have concluded that the proposed transaction described in your letter does not require approval pursuant to the Act.

Sincerely,

George Jepsen

cc:

Commissioner Raul Pino, MD., MPH, Department of Public Health Edward H. Burnbaum, Esq., Novack Burnbaum Crystal, LLP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Bonnie Gauthier President and CEO Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated 1 Abrahms Blvd. West Hartford, CT 06117

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 16-32095-DTR

Sale of Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated to Hebrew Home for Health &

Rehabilitation, LLC

Dear Ms. Gauthier:

On June 21, 2016, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request on behalf of Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporated (the "Home") and Hebrew Home for Health & Rehabilitation, LLC ("HHHR") with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for the sale of the Home to HHHR. The Home is licensed by the Department of Public Health ("DPH") as a Chronic & Convalescent Nursing Home. Pursuant to General Statutes § 19a-638(b)(4), a CON is not required for a nursing home. Accordingly, no CON is required for the proposed transfer of ownership.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Martone Director of Operations

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Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR



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Determination for Report Number 16-32095-DTR is enclosed for the Sale of Hebrew Home and Hospital, Incorporaed t hebrew Home for heatlh & Rehailitation, LLC

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