



## **Office of Health Care Access**

### **Modification of Previously Authorized Certificate of Need**

#### **Final Decision**

**Applicant:** Hospital of Saint Raphael

**Modification Docket Number:** 07-30409-MDF

**Modification Project Title:** A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization to extend the CON expiration date.

**Original Project Docket Number and Title** Docket Number 04-30409-CON, as modified by DN 05-30409-MDF; The replacement of the Hospital's existing laboratory information system at a total capital expenditure of \$1,887,500.

**Statutory Reference:** Sections 4-181a(b), Connecticut General Statutes

**Filing Date:** January 12, 2007

**Decision Date:** February 1, 2007

**Staff** Karen Roberts

**Project Description:** The Hospital of Saint Raphael proposes a modification of the Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization under Docket Number 04-30409-CON, as subsequently modified by Docket Number 05-30409-MDF, in order to extend the CON expiration date from April 18, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

## Findings of Fact

1. On April 18, 2005, under Docket Number 04-30409-CON, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) authorized a Certificate of Need to Hospital of Saint Raphael (“Hospital”) for the replacement of its existing laboratory and blood bank systems with a new state-of-the-art fully-integrated laboratory system, at a total capital expenditure of \$1,887,500.
2. On May 16, 2005, under Docket Number 05-30409-MDF, OHCA modified the CON Order and extended the CON expiration date from April 18, 2006 to April 18, 2007. Condition Number One of the CON authorization was revised as follows:  
  
“1. *This authorization shall expire on April 18, 2007. Should the Hospital’s replacement laboratory system project not be fully implemented by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.*”
3. The Hospital now is requesting a modification of the CON authorization in order to further extend the CON expiration date to September 30, 2008. The Hospital indicates that the “*Laboratory Information System is approximately 80% complete as of January 2007*” and that it “*anticipates that the remaining functionality will be implemented in phases as resources permit, and will be completed by September 2008*”.  
(Source: Page 3 of January 12, 2007 Form 2050 filing)

## Discussion

OHCA has reviewed this request for a modification to a previously authorized CON and finds that the relationship of the CON authorized under Docket Number 04-30409-CON, as subsequently modified by Docket Number 05-30409-MDF, is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 07-30409-MDF. It is the Hospital’s intent to complete the project as authorized and the Hospital indicates that the remaining 20% of the project should be completed by September 2008. Based on this and the reasons provided in the Hospital’s modification request, OHCA hereby modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 04-30409-CON, as follows:

## Order

Condition Number One of the Certificate of Need Order under Docket Number 04-30409-CON as was modified under Docket Number 05-30409-MDF is further modified to state the following:

1. This authorization shall expire on September 30, 2008. Should the Hospital’s replacement laboratory system project not be fully implemented by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.

All other conditions set forth in the final decision issued under Docket Number 04-30409-CON, as subsequently modified by Docket Number 05-30409-MDF, not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

All of the foregoing constitutes the final order of the Office of Health Care Access in this matter.

By Order of the  
Office of Health Care Access

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on February 1, 2007*

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Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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