



## **Office of Health Care Access**

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

### **Final Decision**

**Applicant:** The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

**Modification Docket Number:** 07-30657-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 05-30657-WVR; The acquisition of a replacement CT scanner at a total capital expenditure of \$1,340,000.

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

**Filing Date:** February 28, 2007

**Decision Date:** March 2, 2007

**Staff** Karen Roberts

**Project Description:** The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital proposes a modification of the Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization under Docket Number 05-30657-WVR in order to extend the CON expiration date from February 28, 2007 to August 1, 2007.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. On February 28, 2006, under Docket Number 05-30657-WVR, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") issued a Certificate of Need ("CON") to The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital ("Hospital") to replace its existing General Electric Hispeed Advantage RP Computed Tomography ("CT") Scanner located at 540 Litchfield Street in Torrington, at a total capital expenditure of \$1,340,000, pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

2. Condition Number One of the CON authorization under Docket Number 05-30657-WVR states the following:

*“1. This authorization shall expire on February 28, 2007. Should the Hospital’s CT Scanning Equipment replacement project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.”*

3. The Hospital is requesting a modification of the CON authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date set forth in Condition Number One from February 28, 2007 to August 1, 2007 due to difficulties in finding a suitable clinical and financially reasonable site for the new scanner. *(Source: Cover Letter & page 3 of the February 28, 2007 Form 2050 filing)*
4. The Hospital indicates that it had originally planned to site the unit adjacent to the cardiology services but it was determined that that site was not conducive to scan emergency department patients and inpatients as it was an outpatient setting. The Hospital has since found another site in the radiology department that meets the needs of the patients and staff and keeps the project within the authorized capital expenditure. *(Source: Page 3 of the February 28, 2007 Form 2050 filing)*
5. The Hospital has placed a purchase order for the unit and has completed architectural drawings. *(Source: Page 4 of the February 28, 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 05-30657-WVR, is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 07-30657-MDF. It appears to be the Hospital’s intent to move forward with the project as reviewed and authorized by OHCA, despite this time delay. Based on this and the reasons provided in the Hospital’s modification request, OHCA hereby modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 06-30657-WVR, as follows:

## Order

Condition Number One of the Certificate of Need Order under Docket Number 05-30657-WVR is modified to state the following:

1. This authorization shall expire on August 1, 2007. Should the Hospital’s CT Scanning Equipment replacement project not be completed 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 05-30657-WVR 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 March 2, 2007***

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Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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