

Office of Health Care Access

Modification of Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicants: Hartford Hospital and CTGI Glastonbury

Endoscopy Center, LLC, d/b/a Glastonbury

Endoscopy Center, LLC

Modification Docket

Number:

08-30920-MDF

Modification Project Title: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need

authorization to extend the CON expiration date from

November 21, 2008 to May 1, 2009

Original Project Docket

Number and Title

Docket Number 07-30920-CON;

The establishment and operation of a freestanding

endoscopy center in Glastonbury, CT

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

Filing Date: November 20, 2008

Decision Date: December 19, 2008

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Project Description: Hartford Hospital and CTGI Glastonbury Endoscopy Center, LLC d/b/a Glastonbury Endoscopy Center, LLC propose a modification of the Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization issued under Docket Number 07-30920-CON, in order to extend the CON expiration date from November 21, 2008 to May 1, 2009. The CON authorization was for the establishment and operation of a freestanding endoscopy center to be located in a medical park on Western Boulevard in Glastonbury at a total capital expenditure of \$2,002,124.

Findings of Fact

- 1. On November 21, 2007, under Docket Number 07-30920-CON, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") granted a Certificate of Need ("CON") to Hartford Hospital and CTGI Glastonbury Endoscopy Center, LLC (together referred to as "Applicants") d/b/a Glastonbury Endoscopy Center, LLC to establish and operate a freestanding endoscopy center to be located in a medical park on Western Boulevard in Glastonbury, at a total capital cost of \$2,002,124. The CON was reviewed and authorized pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2. Condition #1 of the CON authorization states the following:
 - "1. This authorization expires on November 21, 2007¹. Should the Applicants' project not be completed by that date, the Applicants must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date."
- 3. On November 20, 2008, OHCA received the Applicants' request for an extension of the CON expiration date from November 21, 2008 to May 1, 2009 due entirely to construction delays for the project. This modification request is being reviewed by OHCA under Docket Number 08-30920-MDF.

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 07-30920-CON, to Section 19a-637, C.G.S., is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 08-30920-MDF. The modification proposal does not alter the intended scope or authorized capital expenditure and the construction delays appear to have been unanticipated. The request for an extension of the CON expiration date until May 1, 2009 appears to be reasonable.

Order

Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Applicants' modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 07-30920-CON. Condition #1 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 07-30920-CON is modified as follows:

1. This authorization expires on May 1, 2009. Should the Applicants' project not be completed by that date, the Applicants must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.

¹ This date was corrected by OHCA to **November 21, 2008** in a November 27, 2007 technical correction letter.

All other conditions set forth in the CON authorization issued under Docket Number 07-30920-CON not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the Office of Health Care Access

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on December 19, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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