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April 2, 2009

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

A modification of a previous Certificate of  
Need authorization as allowed by  
Section 4-181a(b), Connecticut General Statutes

Notice of Modification Final Decision  
Office of Health Care Access  
Docket Number 09-30870-MDF

**FaithCare, Inc.**

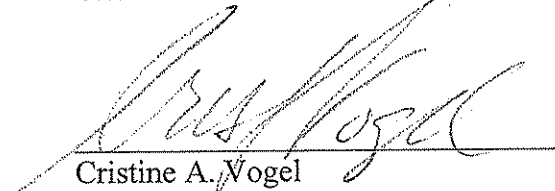
A request to modify Docket Number  
06-30870-CON, in order to extend the  
CON expiration date to August 8, 2009

To: Ms. Linda Madin  
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504 Main Street  
Farmington, CT 06032

Dear Ms. Madin:

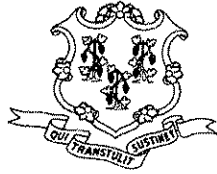
This letter will serve as notice of the Final Decision of the Office of Health Care Access in the above matter as provided by Section 4-181a(b), C.G.S. On April 2, 2009, this Modification was rendered as the revised order of the Office of Health Care Access. A copy of the Final Decision is attached hereto for your information.

By Order of the  
Office of Health Care Access



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## Office of Health Care Access

### A Request for Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

**Applicant:** FaithCare, Inc. (formerly Christian Medical Fellowship)

**Modification Docket Number:** 09-30870-MDF

**Modification Project Title:** A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date to August 8, 2009

**Original Project Docket Numbers and Title:** Docket Number 06-30870-CON: The establishment of a free primary care clinic in Hartford, Connecticut

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

**Filing Date:** March 30, 2009

**Decision Date:** April 2, 2009

**Staff:** Karen Roberts

**Project Description:** FaithCare, Inc. (formerly Christian Medical Fellowship) proposes a modification of the Certificate of Need (“CON”) authorization issued under Docket Number 06-30870-CON in order to extend the CON expiration date to August 8, 2009. The CON authorization was for the establishment of a free primary care clinic in Hartford, Connecticut pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

### Findings of Fact

1. On August 8, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) to Christian Medical Fellowship to establish the Christian Medical Fellowship Health Center, a free primary care clinic, in Hartford pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

2. Condition #1 of the CON order states the following:

*"1. This authorization shall expire on August 8, 2008. Should the Applicant's proposal not be completed by that date, the Applicant must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date."*

3. The following are Findings #4 and #7 from the initial CON decision which describe the proposal:

#4. The range of medical services include primary care services, annual women's health screening exams, pre-natal care, gynecological care, health screening services, pregnancy counseling.

#7. The Applicant states that the proposed Health Center is a free primary care clinic staffed by volunteer physicians, nurses, and other administrative personnel. The Applicant's payor mix consists of 100% free services.

4. The legal entity Christian Medical Fellowship changed its name to FaithCare, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") in July 2008.

5. On March 30, 2009, OHCA received a modification request from the Applicant. The Applicant requests that OHCA modify Condition #1 and change the CON expiration date from August 8, 2008 to August 8, 2009. OHCA has reviewed this request under Docket Number 09-30870-MDF.

6. The Applicant indicates the following in its March 30, 2009 modification request:

- After pursuing the purchase of the 48 Main Street Hartford property, the building inspector determined the condition of the building to be unacceptable. There also proved to be inadequate parking as well as previous liens on the property.
  - This was a lengthy process and the Applicant needed time to find another location
  - The Applicant requires until August 8, 2009 in order to obtain appropriate licensure from the Department of Public Health.
- In the Applicant's January 8, 2009 compliance letter to OHCA, the Applicant provides the following information:
    - FaithCare, Inc. had been holding health fairs at the 48 Main Street location under the Connecticut license of Dr. Peter Schnatz, D.O, who is the CEO and Chairman for FaithCare, Inc. The health fairs were relocated to 277 Main Street (South Congregational Church) after the purchase of the building did not occur.
    - The new location is within a few blocks of the former location.
  - FaithCare does provide a FaithCare Wellness Center at 277 Main Street in Hartford according to the FaithCare website ([www.faithcare.net](http://www.faithcare.net)).

## 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 06-30870-CON to Section 19a-637, C.G.S. is not altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 09-30870-MDF. Although the Applicant should have filed its request prior to August 8, 2008, OHCA concludes that the expiration date may be extended to August 8, 2009 as the factors that prevented timely completion of the project were unforeseen and beyond the Applicant's control. The modification request does not alter the intended scope of the project and OHCA finds that the Applicant had sufficiently attempted to complete this project as originally reviewed and had, in the meantime, established health fairs to provide some care to the target population. OHCA finds it appropriate to allow the additional time in order for the Applicant to seek appropriate DPH licensure which would represent full project implementation.

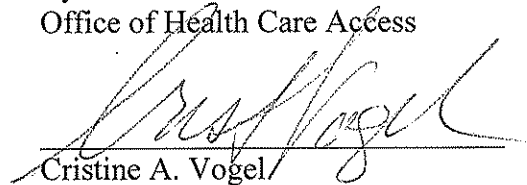
## Order

Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Hospital's modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and allows a modification of the CON Order under Docket Number 06-30870-CON. OHCA hereby recognizes a change in the project location from 48 Main Street in Hartford to 277 Main Street in Hartford. Condition # 1 of the CON Order under Docket Number 06-30870-CON is modified as follows:

1. This authorization shall expire on August 8, 2009. Should the Applicant's proposal not be completed by that date, including appropriate Department of Public Health licensure, the Applicant must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.

All other conditions set forth in the CON authorization issued under Docket Number 06-30870-CON not further modified herein, will remain in full effect.

By Order of the  
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Cristine A. Vogel/  
Commissioner

4-2-09  
Date

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