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OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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August 6, 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 09-31082-MDF

Yale-New Haven Hospital

A request to modify Docket Number
08-31082-CON in order to extend the
CON expiration date

To: Jean Ahn, System Director
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Dear Ms. Ahn:

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 August 6, 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



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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Office of Health Care Access

Modification of Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant: Yale-New Haven Hospital

Modification Docket Number: 09-31082-MDF

Modification Project Title: A request to modify a previous Certificate of Need authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date from July 15, 2009 to July 15, 2010

Original Project Docket Number and Title: Docket Number 08-31082-CON; The Acquisition and Operation of an Angiography Suite with Digital Flat Detector, replacing an existing Single-Plane Angiography Suite

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

Filing Date: July 14, 2009

Decision Date: August 6, 2009

Staff: Diane Duran

Project Description: Yale-New Haven Hospital ("Hospital") requests a modification of the Certificate of Need ("CON") authorization issued under Docket Number 08-31082-CON, in order to extend the CON expiration date from July 15, 2009 to July 15, 2010. The CON authorization was for the acquisition and operation of an angiography suite with digital flat detector, replacing an existing single-plane angiography suite, pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Findings of Fact

1. On July 14, 2008, under Docket Number 08-31082-CON, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) pursuant to Section 19a-639c of the Connecticut General Statutes, to Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”) to acquire and operate an angiography suite with digital flat detector, replacing an existing single-plane angiography suite.
2. Condition #1 of the CON authorization is as follows:

“1. This authorization shall expire on July 15, 2009. Should the Hospital's replacement project not be completed by that date, the Hospital must seek further approval from OHCA to complete the project beyond that date.”
3. On July 14, 2009, OHCA received the Hospital’s request for a one-year extension of the CON expiration date set forth in Condition #1, to July 15, 2010. This modification request is being reviewed by OHCA under Docket Number 09-31082-MDF.
4. The Hospital indicates the following related to this modification request:
 - a. The project authorized by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31082-CON represents phase II of a two-phase project.
 - i. Phase I involved the replacement of a single plane angiography system authorized by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR and the replacement of a bi-plane neuro angiography system authorized by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31081-WVR; and
 - ii. On January 9, 2009, OHCA modified both of the phase I replacement projects in order to extend the CON expiration dates from January 17, 2009 to January 17, 2010.
 - b. The Hospital states that given the revised timeline due to delays involving completion of the phase I projects and the domino effect of phase II needing to follow phase I, a modification to extend the time for phase II is being requested. The Hospital needs until July 15, 2010 to complete this last phase.
5. The Hospital listed the following as accomplishments-to-date:
 - a. The completion of the bi-plane neuro-angiographic project as authorized under Docket Number 08-31081-WVR; and
 - b. The demolition work has begun for the second single-plane angiographic suite authorized under Docket Number 08-31080-WVR.

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 08-31082-CON, to Section 19a-637, C.G.S., is not significantly altered by this request for a modification under Docket Number 09-31082-MDF. The modification proposal does not alter the intended scope or the authorized capital expenditure. The delays related to this project appear to have been unforeseen and are directly related to delays experience in the implementation of two separate but related CON authorized projects. The request for an extension of the CON expiration date until July 15, 2010 appears to be reasonable.

Order

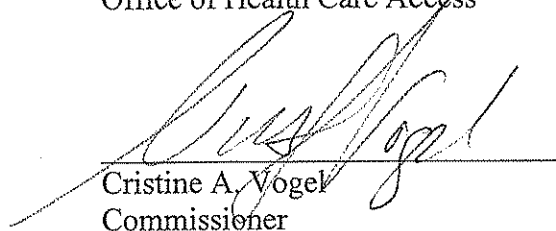
Based on the above discussion and the reasons provided in the Hospital's modification request, OHCA hereby grants the request and modifies the CON authorized under Docket Number 08-31082-CON. Condition #1 of the CON authorization under Docket Number 08-31082-CON is modified as follows:

1. This authorization shall expire on July 15, 2010. Should the Hospital's 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 CON authorization issued under Docket Number 08-31082-CON not modified herein, will remain in full effect.

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8-6-09
Date


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