



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

February 5, 2010

Ms. Carolyn Salsgiver
Senior Vice President, Planning & Marketing
Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant Street
P.O. Box 5000
Bridgeport, CT 06610

RE: Docket Number 10-31279-MDF; A modification of a CON under Docket No. 08-31279-CON
Purchase of an Existing Radiation Therapy Practice and Acquisition of a Replacement Linear
Accelerator to Establish a Hospital Satellite Radiation Therapy Facility in Trumbull

Dear Ms. Salsgiver:

On January 20, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a request from Bridgeport Hospital ("Hospital") to modify the Certificate of Need ("CON") authorized by OHCA under Docket Number 08-31279-CON pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The authorized CON allows the Hospital to purchase an existing radiation therapy practice and acquire a replacement linear accelerator in order to establish a hospital satellite radiation therapy facility in Trumbull, at a total capital cost of \$7,021,098. The Hospital has requested modification of the original CON authorization in order to extend the CON expiration date from June 26, 2010 to July 1, 2011; to change the location of the satellite facility from 15 Corporate Drive in Trumbull to 5520 Park Avenue in Trumbull; and to include the acquisition of a CT Simulator within a revised scope of project

Since the original June 26, 2009 approval date, the Hospital has assumed ownership of 'Radiation Oncology of Southern Connecticut', an existing radiation therapy practice, now known as 'Trumbull Radiation Therapy Center' and integrated it as a Hospital Outpatient Department.

The Hospital requests that the CON be modified to allow for the purchase of a CT Simulator at a capital cost of \$906,980 which was not proposed in the original CON. The Hospital stated that by having the CT Simulator at the same site, the Center will be able to perform CT planning scans alongside the radiation therapy procedures. The proposed change in project location and the requested time extension are related to the Hospital's plan to relocate this satellite in 2011 to new leased space in Trumbull.

OHCA has reviewed the Hospital's January 20, 2010 filing, and finds that the Hospital's rationale for requesting additional time to implement this project is reasonable and that a change in conditions since the initial CON application has occurred specific to this project element. Based on OHCA's review of this matter, OHCA modifies the CON to vacate Condition #1 entirely.

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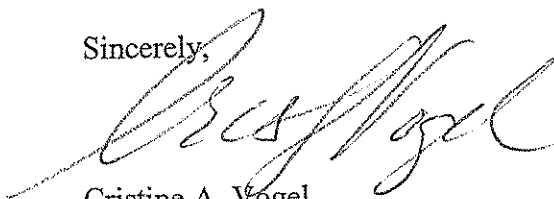
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OHCA herein recognizes the Hospital's proposed move of the Trumbull Radiation Therapy Center from its current location at 15 Corporate Drive in Trumbull to 5520 Park Avenue, also in Trumbull.

This modification action specifically does not allow for a change in project scope to include the acquisition of a CT Simulator, as a change in conditions has not been demonstrated pursuant to Section 4-181a(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Hospital will need to seek appropriate OHCA approval pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes related to this acquisition.

If you have any questions regarding this modification approval, please contact Tillman Foster, Associate Health Care Analyst or Karen Roberts, Principal Health Care Analyst at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cristine A. Vogel".

Cristine A. Vogel
Deputy Commissioner

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