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Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
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Connecticut Oncology & Hematology, LLP
200 Kennedy Drive
Torrington, CT 06790

Re: Docket Number 12-31653-MDF & 12-30510-MDF

A Request to Modify Docket Numbers 10-31653-CON and 05-30510-CON to Allow Charlotte Hungerford Hospital to Acquire a PET Scanner from Connecticut Oncology & Hematology, LLP

Dear Mr. Kuzmickas & Ms. Shomsky:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request on behalf of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital ("CHH") and Connecticut Oncology & Hematology, LLP (the "Practice") to modify their previous Certificate of Need ("CON") decisions under Docket Numbers 10-31653-CON and 05-30510-CON to allow CHH to acquire the Positron Emission Tomography ("PET") scanner currently owned and operated by the Practice.

The Practice wishes to sell its PET scanner and CHH wishes to purchase it. CHH and the Practice have a longstanding relationship that includes sharing of space at the CHH Center for Cancer Care, since its inception and on coordinating patient care. The Practice has supported CHH on its Tumor Board, Cancer Committee and accreditation through the American College of Surgeons. Additionally, the Practice participates in CHH's cancer related Patient Support Programs, as well as supports CHH's inpatient oncology and chemotherapy programs. According to CHH, the Practice is working with CHH to strategically plan for cancer care in the future.

The Order under DN: 10-31653-CON states:

"Based upon the foregoing Findings and Discussion, the Certificate of Need application of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for the acquisition of a mobile PET-CT scanner to be located at 540 Litchfield Street, Torrington, Connecticut with an associated total capital expenditure of \$509,251 is hereby APPROVED."



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Based on the Order under DN: 10-31653-CON, CHH was authorized to acquire a PET-CT scanner; therefore, CHH may acquire the Practice's PET scanner and upgrade to PET-CT scanner. Pursuant to 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes, a CON is valid for two years from the date of issuance by OHCA. The CON final decision for CHH for DN: 10-31653-CON was issued on December 22, 2010; therefore, CHH has until December 22, 2012 to acquire a PET or PET-CT.

In the request for modification of DN: 05-30510-CON by the Practice to sell its current PET scanner and/or terminate its PET service, no regulatory action is required by OHCA, as the Practice is not considered a Health Care Facility, as defined pursuant to 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Steven W. Lazarus at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Davis, MBA, BSN, RN

Deputy Commissioner

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