

### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

June 26, 2015

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

A Request for Modification filed Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a, by:

Office of Health Care Access Docket Number: 12-31786-MDF

Middlesex Hospital and Advanced Colon Care, Inc. **Requested Modification of Previous** Certificate of Need authorization 12-31786-CON.

To:

Gary Havican

Vice President, Operations Middlesex Health System, Inc.

28 Crescent Street

Middletown, CT 06457

Maurizio D. Nichele, M.D.

President

Advanced Colon Care, Inc.

929 Boston Post Road Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-referenced matter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a(b).

Thank you,

Kimberly R. Martone Director of Operations

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Enclosure



# State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Health Care Access

#### **Final Decision**

## Modification of a Previously Authorized Certificate of Need

Applicant:

Middlesex Hospital

28 Crescent Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Advanced Colon Care, Inc.

929 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

**Docket Number:** 

12-31786-MDF

**Project Description:** 

Modification of Previous Certificate of Need

authorization 12-31786-CON

**Procedural History:** On July 9, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") granted a Certificate of Need ("CON") to Middlesex Hospital and Advanced Colon Care, Inc. issued under Docket Number 12-31786-CON, for the transfer of ownership of the assets of Advanced Colon Care, Inc. to Middlesex Hospital ("Final Decision").

On May 22, 2015, OHCA received a Request for Modification from Middlesex Hospital and Advanced Colon Care, Inc. seeking to modify the expiration date of the CON from July 9, 2015 to July 9, 2016. Deputy Commissioner Brancifort has reviewed the entire record in this matter.

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. The CON issued under Docket Number 12-31786-CON permitted Advanced Colon Care, Inc. to transfer its assets Middlesex Hospital.
- 2. The CON issued under Docket Number 12-31786-CON is valid for two years and expires on July 9, 2015.
- 3. Shortly after OHCA issued the CON, one of the two physician owners of Advanced Colon Care, Inc. left the state, thereby necessitating the renegotiation of the transaction.
- 4. The transaction was delayed further by efforts to obtain the landlord's consent to transfer the lease and make various alterations to the building that were contemplated as part of the transaction.
- 5. The transaction was also delayed due to the premises requiring an unforeseen addition in order to fulfill Department of Public Health requirements. The addition requires approval by the landlord and the Town of Old Saybrook, which is currently being sought by Middlesex Hospital and Advanced Colon Care, Inc.

### **Discussion**

Connecticut General Statutes § 4-181a (b) provides in relevant part: "On a showing of changed conditions, the agency may reverse or modify the final decision, at any time, at the request of any person or on the agency's own motion." Middlesex Hospital and Advanced Colon Care, Inc. have sufficiently demonstrated a change in conditions brought upon by unforeseen delays in renegotiating the transaction and obtaining the necessary approvals for building modifications.

## Order

Based upon the foregoing, the request to modify the expiration date of the CON issued under Docket Number12-31786-CON from July 9, 2015 to July 9, 2016 is hereby **APPROVED**.

June 24, 2015

net M. Brancifort, MPH, RRT

Deputy Commissioner A