

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

May 20, 2015

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

An Application for a Certificate of Need filed  
Pursuant to Section 19a-639a, C.G.S. by:

Notice of Final Decision  
Office of Health Care Access  
Docket Number: 15-31991-MDF

**MidState Medical Center**  
**The Hospital of Central Connecticut**

**Requested Modification of Previous**  
**Certificate of Need authorization**  
**12-31775-CON.**

To: Barbara A. Durdy  
Hartford HealthCare, Inc.  
181 Patricia M. Genova Blvd.  
Newington, CT 06111

Dear Ms. Durdy:

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

Thank you,

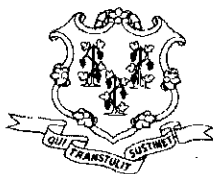
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Director of Operations

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C: Paul C. Horton, M.D.  
Susan Duclos, R.N.  
Kristie Barber, Region II Regional Mental Health Board  
Kirk W. Lowery, Esq., Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.

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

**Final Decision**

**Modification of a Previously  
Authorized Certificate of Need**

**Applicants:** MidState Medical Center  
435 Lewis Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451  
The Hospital of Central Connecticut  
100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06050

**Docket Number:** 15-31991-MDF

**Project Description:** Modification of Previous Certificate of Need  
Authorization 12-31775-CON

**Procedural History:** On April 8, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) granted a Certificate of Need (“CON”) to MidState Medical Center (“MidState”), The Hospital of Central Connecticut (“HOCC”), and Hartford HealthCare Corporation (“HHC”) by way of an Agreed Settlement issued under Docket Number 12-31775-CON, for the termination of inpatient behavioral health services at MidState Medical Center.

On April 16, 2015, OHCA received a Request for Modification seeking to extend the CON expiration date to July 1, 2015. On April 16, 2015, OHCA notified the Intervenors, Region II Regional Mental Health Board; Paul C. Horton, M.D.; Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.; and Susan Duclos, R.N., of the Applicants’ Request for Modification and asked that comments be submitted to the office on or before May 15, 2015. No comments were received by the Intervenors. Deputy Commissioner Brancifort has reviewed the entire record in this matter.

## Findings of Fact

1. On April 8, 2013, OHCA granted a CON to MidState, HOCC, and HHC for the termination of inpatient behavioral health services at MidState.
2. Pursuant to the CON, HOCC would renovate its inpatient unit and add an additional ten beds so as to allow for the re-establishment of the inpatient behavioral health services at HOCC.
3. Severe winter weather delayed the installation of the new roof-top mounted air-handling equipment.
4. Two episodes of uncovered asbestos temporarily halted work on the renovation.
5. Unforeseen mechanical problems caused construction delays and additional work including replacement of corroded steam lines and valves.

## 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." The Applicants are seeking to extend the CON expiration date to July 1, 2015 as a result of changed conditions related to construction delays caused by severe weather, asbestos and mechanical problems. The Applicants have sufficiently identified certain unforeseen conditions which impacted the timely completion of the construction required to implement the CON.

## Order

Based upon the foregoing, the request to extend the CON expiration date to July 1, 2015 is hereby **GRANTED**.

May 21, 2015  
Date

Janet M. Brancifort  
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Deputy Commissioner