

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

September 7, 2004

William M. Pintauro, M.D. Member Manager Diagnostic Endoscopy Center, LLC 778 Long Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06902

Re: Diagnostic Endoscopy Center, LLC

CON Determination Report Number 04-30109-DTR

Exception from CON Process Pursuant to Public Act 04-249

Dear Dr. Pintauro:

On June 10, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter with respect to Diagnostic Endoscopy Center, LLC's (Applicant) inquiry as to whether its previous Certificate of Need determination remains in effect in light of the passage of Public Act 04-249 by the Connecticut General Assembly in its most recent legislative session.

Based on a review of all information OHCA has received to date from the Applicant in conjunction with Docket Number 03-30109-DTR, OHCA determines that the evidence provided remains satisfactory and demonstrates that your outpatient surgical facility has been in operation on or before July 1, 2003. Consequently, the exception from obtaining a Certificate of Need you received from the Office of Health Care Access dated June 27, 2003, for your facility remains in effect. Please be aware, however, that any change in scope or services from those presented in Docket Number 03-30109-DTR will require a Certificate of Need from OHCA.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the Certificate of Need process, please contact Susan Cole, CON Supervisor, at (860) 418-7038.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel, Commissioner Office of Health Care Access

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