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September 7, 2004

Michael T. Koff, MPH Executive Director Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut, P.C. 2200 Whitney Avenue, Suite 360 Hamden, CT 06518

Re: Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut, P.C. CON Determination Report Number 04-30125-DTR Exception from CON Process Pursuant to Public Act 04-249 for the Office Center Operating in Hamden

Dear Mr. Koff:

On June 9, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your letter with respect to Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut, P.C.'s (Applicant) inquiry as to whether its previous Certificate of Need determinations for its office center in Hamden 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 03-30125-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 July 1, 2003, for your facility remains in effect. Please be aware, however, that any change in scope or services from those presented in Docket Number 03-30125-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 CAV/sc/jah

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