STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 22, 2005

Paula McManus Associate Vice President John Dempsey Hospital 263 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06030-3802

RE: CON Determination 05-30460-DTR

John Dempsey Hospital

Request to Establish Mobile PET/CT Scanning Service

Dear Ms. McManus:

With the receipt of your letter dated July 7, 2005, and received by the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") on July 15, 2005, your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request to establish mobile PET/CT scanning service at John Dempsey Hospital ("Hospital") in Farmington, at no associated capital expenditure, is complete.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. John Dempsey Hospital ("Hospital"), located at 263 Farmington Avenue in Farmington, Connecticut, proposes to provide mobile PET/CT scanning service.
- 2. Under Docket Number 01-515, OHCA authorized the Hospital to establish a vendor-provided mobile PET scanning service. InSight Health Corporation ("InSight") provided mobile PET services under a lease agreement that will expired on June 30, 2005.
- 3. The Hospital has executed a new contract with InSight effective July 1, 2005, to continue the current PET service and to establish PET/CT service conditioned upon approval of a Certificate of Need from OHCA.
- 4. The proposal to offer PET/CT services requires no capital expenditure by the Hospital. However, InSight must purchase a complete PET/CT scanner or upgrade an existing PET scanner.

5. Under Public Act 05- 93, InSight must file a Letter of Intent with OHCA in order to purchase the required equipment.

Based on the above findings, and pursuant to Public Act 05-93 of the Connecticut General Statutes, OHCA has determined that CON approval is required for John Dempsey to offer the PET/CT scanning service.

It has also been determined that InSight Health Corporation <u>cannot</u> provide the mobile PET/CT scanner to John Dempsey Hospital until authorized by OHCA through the Certificate of Need process.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

C: Judy Erbstein, Area Director Northeast Operations, InSight Health Corporation

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