

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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June 21, 2005

Joseph Pelaccia. Vice President, Finance Milford Hospital, Inc. 300 Seaside Avenue P.O. Box 3015 Milford, CT 06460-0815

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30501-DTR Milford Hospital, Inc. Relocation of Urgent Care Center

Dear Mr. Pelaccia:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for a CON Determination Report for the relocation of Milford Hospital's urgent care center from 300 Seaside Avenue to 831-849 Boston Post Road in Milford.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

- 1. Milford Hospital, Inc. ("Hospital") is a non-profit healthcare provider offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient services.
- 2. The Hospital proposes to relocate its Urgent Care Center to an offsite facility at 831-849 Boston Post Road in Milford.
- 3. As part of the Emergency Department, the Hospital provides a dedicated urgent care center called Quick Care ("Center"). The center is open from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm, seven days a week. The Center provides non-emergency sick visits and minor trauma services to approximately 14,000 patients annually.
- 4. The Hospital stated that the Center's total visits totaled 19,000 annually since 1998. The Center's volume has increased by 68% to over 32,000 visits annually, which is far in excess of the planned growth capacity.

- 5. The Hospital plans to rent approximately 3,500 square feet of space located at 831-849 Boston Post Road in Milford for the Center, which is approximately 1.5 miles from the Hospital.
- 6. The facility will be owned by Torry Corp., a for-profit non-licensed real estate entity owned by the Hospital's parent corporation, Milford Health and Medical.
- 7. The existing urgent care treatment space will be utilized by the Emergency Department to expedite and improve timely care for patients in need of acute emergency services.
- 8. The total capital expenditure associated with the relocation is \$583,230 for equipment.
- 9. There are no new services to be provided at the new site of the Center.
- 10. The Center will serve the same population as currently served at the Hospital.
- 11. The staffing level will be the same as currently experienced at the current site on the Hospital campus.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that CON approval is not required for the relocation of the Hospital's Urgent Care Center to 831-849 Boston Post Road in Milford, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Kim Martone, CON Supervisor, at (860) 418-7029.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

c: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DPH, DCBR

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