STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 13, 2005

Marjorie A. Berry Executive Director East Hartford Community HealthCenter, Inc. 94 Connecticut Boulevard East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30521-DTR
East Hartford Community HealthCenter, Inc. d/b/a
Manchester Community Health Services, Inc.
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639(d) of the C.G.S.
Establishment and Operation of a Medical Primary Care Site in Manchester, CT

Dear Ms. Berry:

On May 26, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") for the establishment and operation of a medical primary care site in Manchester, CT.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings:

- 1. East Hartford Community HealthCenter, Inc. ("EHCHC") is a federally qualified health center, which is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health in the category of outpatient clinic.
- 2. EHCHC provides medical and dental primary care services at its facility located at 94 Connecticut Boulevard, East Hartford, CT.
- 3. EHCHC serves the primary health care needs of those individuals who reside in federally recognized health professional shortage areas (HPSA) within the towns of East Hartford and Manchester.

4. EHCHC d/b/a Manchester Community Health Services, Inc. ("MCHS") currently provides dental primary care services at its facility located at 150 North Main Street, Manchester, CT.

5. MCHS is proposing to establish and operate a medical primary care site at its North Main Street facility in Manchester.

6. The same complement of medical primary care services will be offered at the proposed site as is currently offered at the East Hartford site.

7. The proposal has the support of Manchester town officials, as well as area health care providers, such as the town's acute care hospital, community mental health providers and the local visiting nurse association.

8. The proposed capital expenditure for the project is \$125,000.

9. The proposed start date for the new medical primary care site is between August and September 2005.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed project meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

C: Rose McClellan, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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