STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS



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September 9, 2005

Timothy Taylor Practice Administrator Orthopedic Associates of Hartford, P.C 85 Seymour Street, Suite 607 Hartford, CT 06106-5501

Re: Orthopedic Associates of Hartford, P.C
CON Determination Report 05-30576-DTR
Proposal to add two additional operating rooms to ambulatory surgery center located in Rocky Hill

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On August 18, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination Form 2020 concerning a CON determination for the addition of two operating rooms to your outpatient surgical facility. Upon review of the information contained in Form 2020, OHCA finds the following:

- 1. Orthopedic Associates of Hartford, P.C. ("OAH"), operates a single-specialty ambulatory surgery center ("Center") at 1111 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.
- 2. OAH proposes to construct and equip two additional operating rooms at the Center to accommodate surgical volume demand.
- 3. OHCA authorized an exception to the CON process to the Center on June 30, 2003, under CON Determination Report 03-30108-DTR.
- 4. The addition of two operating rooms changes the scope of the facility authorized under CON Determination Report 03-30108-DTR.

- 5. The total proposed capital expenditure for the proposal is \$459,300 for renovations and minor equipment purchases.
- 6. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states, in part, that each health care facility which intends to introduce any additional function or service shall submit to OHCA a request for permission to undertake such function or service.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal of OAH to add two operating rooms to its outpatient ambulatory surgical center at 1111 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill, Connecticut, for a total capital expendure of \$459,300, represents the introduction of an additional function by expanding the scope of the facility. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the C.G.S., CON approval by OHCA is required for OAH to add two operating rooms in Rocky Hill.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on August 18, 2005 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore OA H may file a completed CON application with OHCA between October 17, 2005, and December 16, 2005. The CON application will be mailed to you under separate cover.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the Certificate of Need process, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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