

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

November 1, 2005

Paul McLaughlin Executive Director Hartford Dispensary 345 Main Street Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 05-30607-EXM
Hartford Dispensary
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Establish Substance Abuse Chemical Maintenance and Ambulatory Chemical Detoxification Programs in Manchester

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse chemical maintenance and ambulatory chemical detoxification programs at 341 Broad Street, in Manchester.

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

- 1. Hartford Dispensary ("HD") is a non-profit facility that provides substance abuse services at various locations in Connecticut.
- 2. HD is proposing to provide chemical maintenance treatment and ambulatory detoxification treatment services at 341 Broad Street, in Manchester.
- 3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter dated October 28, 2005, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow HD for a substance abuse treatment license-chemical maintenance treatment and ambulatory detoxification treatment services at 341 Broad Street in Manchester, serving clients in Manchester, South Windsor, Vernon-Rockville, Glastonbury, and Bolton.

- 4. DMHAS states that this new service would address a need within the greater Manchester area eliminating the daily commute to Hartford-based clinics. It is estimated that annually the programs will provide care to 200 unduplicated persons.
- 5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$50,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Hartford Dispensary's. request to establish a substance abuse chemical maintenance treatment and ambulatory detoxification treatment services at 341 Broad Street, Manchester meets the exemption requirements of Section 17a-678 of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

C: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS Donna C. Stimpson, Planning Specialist, DMHAS CAV:pf