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Pamela A. Paulhus, M.D.  
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Hopeline Women's Center, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2981  
Danbury, CT 06813

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 06-30750-DTR  
Hopeline Women's Center, Inc., d/b/a Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center  
Proposal to Acquire C-Arm Fluoroscopy System

Dear Dr. Paulhus:

On May 18, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request regarding the proposal of Hopeline Women's Center, Inc., d/b/a Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center to acquire ultrasound equipment with a fair market value of \$33,500. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Hopeline Women's Center, Inc., d/b/a Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center ("HPRC"), is a nonprofit 501c3 corporation that provides options peer counseling for women with unplanned pregnancies.
2. HPRC has four offices in Danbury, Stratford, Shelton, and New Milford.
3. HPRC is planning to add urine pregnancy tests and limited diagnostic ultrasound to the services offered at its Danbury office.
4. The ultrasound examinations will be performed by registered nurses and medical professionals. There will be no charge for the ultrasound services as is the current practice for all services given by HPRC.
5. HPRC proposes to obtain the ultrasound equipment through a grant from Focus on the Family's Option Ultrasound Program. The grant will cover 80% of the cost of the equipment. The balance will be paid by HPRC.

6. The estimated total capital expenditure for the proposal is as follows:

**Table 1: Total Capital Expenditure**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Ultrasound Equipment	\$ 30,000
Medical Equipment	2,500
Non-medical Equipment	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,500</b>

7. Section 1 (4) (b) of Public Act No. 05-93, "An Act Concerning the Capital Expenditure Threshold for the Regulation of Equipment Acquisitions" requires CON approval for a capital expenditure over one million dollars, or, regardless of cost, for anyone acquiring, purchasing or accepting donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner, MRI, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing new technology that is being introduced to the state.
8. Section 19a-639, C.G.S. states, in part, that each health care facility or institution proposing a capital expenditure exceeding one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or the acquisition of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure in excess of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) requires authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Hopeline Women's Center, Inc., d/b/a Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center is not proposing to acquire a CON regulated piece of imaging equipment and the proposed capital expenditure does not exceed \$1,000,000. Therefore, the proposal of Hopeline Women's Center, Inc., d/b/a Hopeline Pregnancy Resource Center to acquire and operate ultrasound equipment in Danbury, at a total capital expenditure of \$33,500, does not require CON authorization.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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

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