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Robert Kilpatrick
Development Director
Hill Health Corp. d/b/a
State Street Health Services
400 Columbus Ave.
New Haven, CT 06519

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-30933-EXM
Hill Health Center – State Street Health Services
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 17a-678, C.G.S.
Obtain a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults License and a Substance Abuse
Outpatient Treatment License

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

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 obtain a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults License and Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment License in New Haven.

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

1. Hill Health Corporation (“HHC”) d/b/a State Street Health Services (formerly Women’s Health) is a non-profit facility providing gynecological services at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT.
2. HHC is the parent corporation of Hill Health Center - State Street Health Services located at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT.
3. This proposal is for HHC to obtain the following licenses at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT:
 - Psychiatric Outpatient Treatment for Adults; and
 - Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment

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4. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$200,000.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated July 3, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., states the following:
 - DMHAS grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow Hill Health Center – Women’s Health Services to obtain a license for the facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons-outpatient treatment for adults 911 State Street in New Haven, CT.
 - HHC states that fifty clients served at the Women’s Center who needed intense substance abuse treatment were referred to other agencies. The Women’s Center anticipates serving approximately 150 women with behavioral health care needs in total a year, many with a co-occurring (substance use and mental health) disorder. Annually, of 150 clients, the Women’s Center anticipates serving 75 patients with primary substance use disorder and secondary mental health disorder.
7. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated July 3, 2007, from Deputy Commissioner Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., states that the CON exemption request for Hill Health Corporation for the establishment of outpatient psychiatric services for adults in New Haven is not eligible under CGS Section 19a-639b, as amended by PA 06-64, states the following:
 - It may only consider a CON exemption request by applicants that are currently under contract with DMHAS.
 - Although HHC is currently under contract for mental health services with DMHAS at the 911 State Street site, Women’s Health Services is not under contract for mental health services at the same site. Accordingly, HHC – Women’s Health Services is not eligible for consideration for a DMHAS CON exemption for mental health services.
8. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) states, in part, that the introduction of any additional function or services and the termination of a health care function or service require authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined the following:

- HHC's request to obtain a license for Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT., 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.
- Certificate of Need authorization from OHCA is required for HHC – State Street Health Services to establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT.

On August 14, 2007, OHCA mailed the application forms for Hill Health Corporation's Certificate of Need ("CON") proposal to establish a Psychiatric Outpatient Treatment Clinic for Adults at 911 State Street, New Haven, CT. According to the parameters stated in Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the CON application may be filed between September 30, 2007, and November 29, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran PPT Health Care Analyst, or Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 21, 2007

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Peter B. Rockholz, M.S.S.W., Deputy Commissioner, DMHAS
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