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Peter A. Kuzmickas Vice President, Operation Johnson Memorial Hospital 201 Chestnut Hill Road Stafford Springs, CT 06076 Anthony T. Valente Vice President Johnson Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Johnson Surgery Center P.O. Box 1151 Enfield, CT 06082

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Request; Report Number: 07-30982-DTR Johnson Health Care, Inc. and Johnson Memorial Hospital Change of Ownership Regarding Johnson Surgery Center between Two Affiliates of Johnson Memorial Corporation

Dear Mr. Kuzmickas and Mr. Valente:

On June 7, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Johnson Health Care, Inc. and Johnson Memorial Hospital regarding the change of ownership of Johnson Surgery Center from one Johnson Memorial Corporation affiliate to another affiliate. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA makes the following findings:

- 1. Johnson Health Care, Inc. and Johnson Memorial Hospital, collectively identified as the Petitioners, are subsidiaries of Johnson Memorial Corporation.
- 2. Johnson Health Care, Inc. owns and conducts businees as the the following entities:
 - Johnson Surgery Center; and
 - Johnson Occupational Medicine Center.
- 3. Johnson Surgery Center, an outpatient surgical center providing ambulatory surgery services at its 148 Hazard Avenue facility in Enfield, Connecticut.
- 4. The Hospital is an acute care, general hospital, located at 201 Chestnut Hill Road in Stafford Springs.
- 5. The Petitioners propose to change the ownership of Johnson Surgery Center from Johnson Health Care, Inc. to Johnson Memorial Hospital. The ambulatory surgical services offered by Johnson Surgery Center will become services under the Hospital's license.

- 6. The Petitioners indicate that the proposal will allow Johnson Memorial Corporation to achieve efficiencies and improve consistency with regard to the following:
 - Clinical standards and operations;
 - Administrative management and oversight; and
 - Employment-related policies and practices.
- 7. On June 4, 2007, the Executive Board of Trustees of Johnson Memorial Corporation passed a resolution, which stated the following with regard to the proposed ownership change:

"RESOLVED THAT The Johnson Surgery Center (JSC), organized under Johnson Health Care, Inc., be transferred from Johnson Health Care, Inc., a subsidiary of Johnson Memorial Corporation, to Johnson Memorial Hospital, Inc., also a subsidiary of Johnson Memorial Corporation."

- 8. The proposal will not result in any change to the ownership interests of the Johnson Surgery Center by the Johnson Memorial Corporation. The surgical center will be 100% owned by the Johnson Memorial Corporation.
- 9. The proposal will not result in any change to the following elements:
 - The scope and type of services provided;
 - The current population served;
 - The volume of services provided; or
 - The location of the existing ambulatory surgery center site.
- 10. The proposal requires a capital expenditure of \$35,000, which is primarily attributable to consultant and legal fees.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed ownership change of Johnson Surgery Center from Johnson Health Care, Inc. to Johnson Memorial Hospital will not result in a change to the delivery of health care services provided within the Johnson Memorial Corporation. Additionally, the capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$35,000. Therefore, a CON is not required pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Analyst. He may be reached at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner