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November 21, 2007

Michael J. Dion  
Vice President, Patient Care Services  
Johnson Memorial Hospital  
201 Chestnut Road  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 07-31066-DTR  
Terminate outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services in Stafford Springs and Establish  
outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services in Enfield  
Johnson Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr. Dion:

On November 20, 2007, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Johnson Memorial Hospital ("JMH") to terminate outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services in Stafford Springs and establish outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services in Enfield, at a total capital expenditure of \$102,422.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in the request and makes the following findings:

1. JMH is an acute care hospital located at 201 Chestnut Hill Road in Stafford Springs, Connecticut.
2. JMH is planning to terminate outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services at 201 Chestnut Hill Road, Stafford Springs and establish outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services at the Phoenix Community Cancer Center ("PCCC") at 142 Hazard Avenue, Enfield.
3. JMH offers therapeutic/chemotherapy infusion services on an outpatient basis, although currently JMH does very little chemotherapy because almost of all it has been done at PCCC. The local medical oncologist is giving up his chemotherapy business at PCCC and JMH is planning to continue the service as a hospital outpatient department.
4. JMH states that the new location will be closer to the majority of their current population being served. The Enfield location is also closer to other cancer related services (i.e. American Cancer Society, and support group meetings).

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5. 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.

As such, Certificate of Need authorization from OHCA is required in this matter. Johnson Memorial Hospital shall not terminate its outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services at 201 Chestnut Hill Road, Stafford Springs and establish outpatient chemotherapy/infusion services at the Phoenix Cancer Center, 142 Hazard Avenue, Enfield until it receives CON authorization from OHCA.

If the Petitioner is agreeable, OHCA will consider the submission of information received on November 20, 2007 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Johnson Memorial Hospital may file a completed CON application with OHCA between January 19, 2008 and March 19, 2008. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

**If the Petitioner is not agreeable with this process and wishes to secure CON authorization for the proposed transaction, Johnson Memorial Hospital must immediately notify OHCA in writing of its position and submit a Letter of Intent to OHCA regarding its proposal.**

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on November 21, 2007*

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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