

STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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January 30, 2008

Camille DeGalan Chipman, Mazzucco, Land & Pennarola, LLC 30 Main Street, Suite 204 Danbury, CT 06810-3043

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31086-DTR Samaritan Health Services, Inc. Establishment of Pediatric Health Care Services in Danbury

Dear Ms. DeGalan:

On January 18, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received Samaritan Health Services, Inc.'s ("Applicant") request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding the establishment of pediatric health care services in Danbury. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

- 1. Samaritan Health Services, Inc. ("Applicant") was incorporated as a Connecticut nonstock corporation on September 29, 2007.
- 2. The Applicant has applied to the Internal Revenue Service for recognition of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is awaiting a determination letter.
- 3. The Applicant proposes to establish pediatric health care services for children ages 0-18 at 13-21 Rose Street in Danbury, Connecticut.
- 4. The Applicant proposes to provide a full range of preventative medical services, sports and camp physical examinations, sick visits, urgent care, and other in-office services.
- 5. The Applicant will employ a medical director and staff physician, as well as nursing and administrative staff members.

- 6. The proposed capital expenditure for the project is \$492,594.
- 7. The Applicant will open the facility in the spring of 2008 following the completion of renovations and receipt of all required approvals.
- 8. The Applicant is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 9. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") states, in part, that the introduction of any additional function or service requires authorization from OHCA.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Samaritan Health Services, Inc. is proposing to establish pediatric health care services in Danbury, pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, CON approval is required.

If the petitioner is agreeable, OHCA will consider the submission of information received on January 18, 2008 as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore Samaritan Health Services, Inc. may file a completed CON application with OHCA between March 18, 2008 and May 17, 2008. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Kim Martone, Certificate of Need Supervisor, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on January 30, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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