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RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31099-DTR Yale University Health Services Increase in Infirmary Beds at Yale University

Dear Ms. Remillard:

On January 31, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received Yale University Health Services' ("YUHS") Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning an increase in inpatient beds, with no associated capital expenditure. On March 7, 2008, OHCA received YUHS' responses to completeness questions. Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

- 1. YUHS, located at 17 Hillhouse Avenue in New Haven, Connecticut, is a health care facility operated by Yale University.
- 2. All patients who receive care from YUHS are members of the Yale Health Plan, a staff model HMO for Yale students, faculty, staff and their dependents.
- 3. YUHS is proposing to increase Infirmary bed capacity from nine to thirteen due to increased admissions.
- 4. The proposal has no associated capital expenditure

Section 19a-630(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes states, in part, the following: "health care facility or institution means any facility or institution engaged primarily in providing services for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment or human health conditions,... but not including any

health care facility operated by a nonprofit educational institution solely for the students, faculty and staff of such institution and their dependents..." Therefore, YUHS does not meet the definition of a health care facility or institution and its proposal to increase inpatient beds, with no associated capital expenditure, does not require CON authorization.

Thank you for letting OHCA know of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7067.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on March 11, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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