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May 13, 2008

Bradley H. Staehle, M.D.
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Bloomfield, Connecticut 06002

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 08-31156-DTR
Connecticut Valley Radiology, P.C.
Proposal to Upgrade an Existing 1.5 Tesla MRI Scanner in Bloomfield

Dear Dr. Staehle:

On May 7, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Connecticut Valley Radiology, P.C., to upgrade an existing magnetic resonance imaging scanner for its office in Bloomfield, at an estimated total capital expenditure of \$787,000. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Connecticut Valley Radiology, P.C. ("Petitioner") is a private physician practice that provides imaging services at the following practice sites:
 - Building D, Suite 110 at 701 Cottage Grove Road in Bloomfield, CT; and
 - 19 Woodland Street in Hartford, CT.
2. The Petitioner offers magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") services at each practice site and in doing so utilizes the following equipment to provide the service:
 - Fixed-based, Hitachi MRP 5000 Open MRI scanner in Hartford as identified in CON Determination Report: 99-Z2a, dated April 4, 2000; and
 - Fixed-based GE Gold Seal 1.5 tesla-strength, MRI scanner in Bloomfield, as identified in CON Determination Report: 03-30038-DTR, dated May 7, 2003.
3. The Petitioner's Bloomfield office also provides general radiography, mammography, bone density exams, ultrasound and computed tomography imaging.

4. The Petitioner is proposing software and hardware upgrades to its existing GE Gold Seal 1.5 tesla-strength, MRI scanner in Bloomfield.
5. The MRI service will continue to serve individuals residing or working in Bloomfield and the surrounding Connecticut towns of Windsor, Windsor Locks, Granby, East Granby, Suffield, Simsbury, as well as parts of West Hartford and the north end of the City of Hartford.
6. The total capital expenditure for the proposal is \$787,000.
7. The Petitioner will fund the scanner through a conventional loan.
8. The estimated start date for the updated MRI scanner is September 1, 2008.

Based on the aforementioned findings, OHCA determines that Certificate of Need approval is not required for Connecticut Valley Radiology, P.C. to upgrade the software and hardware of its MRI scanner located at its Bloomfield office, at an estimated total capital expenditure of \$787,000. Please be advised, however, that if the Petitioner changes the scope of the proposal or decides to replace the MRI scanner, Certificate of Need approval from OHCA may then be required.

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, OHCA Health Care Analyst, at OHCA at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on My 13, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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