

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL GOVERNOR CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

August 11, 2008

Colleen Scott Vice President of Finance Waterbury Hospital 64 Robbins Street Waterbury, CT 06708

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31211-DTR

Waterbury Hospital

Proposal to Establish a 2 Bed Sleep Laboratory in Southbury

Dear Ms. Scott:

On July 25, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a CON Determination Report regarding the proposal to establish a 2 bed sleep laboratory in Southbury, with an associated capital expenditure of \$69,010. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Waterbury Hospital ("WH" or "Hospital") is an acute care hospital with a main campus located at 64 Robbins Street in Waterbury. WH is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.").
- 2. WH currently operates a 6 bed sleep laboratory located at 1625 Straits Turnpike in Middlebury.
- 3. WH proposes to establish and operate a 2 bed sleep laboratory at the Heritage Resort & Conference Center, 522 Heritage Road, Southbury.
- 4. The proposed site will provide diagnostic and therapeutic nocturnal polysomnography studies. The proposed project will offer patients living in the Southbury region a local facility in which to receive care for common sleep disorders such as insomnia, sleepwalking, snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.
- 5. WH will be providing the services.
- 6. WH will be responsible for the billing of the services.

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- 7. WH will be leasing 3 adjoining guest rooms on an upper floor of the resort in a quiet section of the building.
- 8. The proposal has an associated capital expenditure of \$69,010.
- 9. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution, including any inpatient rehabilitation facility, which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that WH is a health-care facility and that the proposal to establish and operate a 2 bed sleep laboratory in Southbury, with an associated capital expenditure of \$69,010, represents the establishment of a new service in a new location. Therefore, the proposal of Waterbury Hospital to establish and operate a 2 bed sleep laboratory in Southbury requires Certificate of Need authorization by OHCA pursuant to Section 19a-638 (2) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

OHCA considers the submission of information received on July 25, 2008, as the Letter of Intent for this matter; therefore, WH may file a completed CON application with OHCA between September 24, 2008 and November 23, 2008. The CON application is being mailed to your attention separately. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on August 11, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel Commissioner

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