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July 23, 2009

Via Facsimile Only

Gregory Stanton
Director of Planning
Lawrence and Memorial Hospital
365 Montauk Avenue
New London, CT 06320

Re: CON Determination Report Number 09-31409-DTR
Lawrence and Memorial Hospital
Termination of Sleep Laboratory Program in New London and Establishment of a
Sleep Laboratory Program in Groton, Pursuant to Public Act 09-232, Connecticut
General Statutes

Dear Mr. Stanton:

On June 22, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") application on behalf of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, which OHCA has decided to process as a CON Determination request. The proposal involves the termination of sleep laboratory program in New London, Connecticut and establishment of a sleep laboratory program in Groton, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed the facts of the proposal and makes the following findings:

1. Lawrence and Memorial Hospital ("L&M" or "Petitioner") is an acute care hospital located at 365 Montauk Avenue in New London, Connecticut.
2. L&M currently offers sleep laboratory services on an outpatient basis.
3. The Petitioner is seeking to terminate its existing sleep laboratory program in New London and establish a sleep laboratory program in Groton
4. The Petitioner contends that this proposal will provide for cost-effectiveness and will improve access to sleep testing for L&M's primary service area population.

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5. The current and the target population to be served by this proposal is L&M's patients residing in the primary service area, which includes the town of Groton.
6. The Petitioner contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$198,420.
7. Pursuant to Public Act 09-232 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.):

"Each short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill that on July 1, 2009, is providing outpatient services,that thereafter proposes to provide such services at an alternative location within the primary service area of the health care facility or institution, shall be exempt from the certificate of need requirements prescribed in subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act, ..."

8. OHCA finds that L&M currently offers sleep laboratory services on an outpatient basis and that the town of Groton is within L&M's primary service area.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Lawrence and Memorial Hospital's proposal to terminate sleep laboratory program in New London and establish sleep laboratory program in Groton, Connecticut meets the exemption requirements under Public Act 09-232 and therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Carmen Cotto at (860) 418-7036.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

Attachment

C: Rose McClellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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