



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
*Office of Health Care Access*

October 27, 2009

Via Facsimile Only

Cary Trantalis  
Vice President of Patient Care  
Windham Community Memorial Hospital  
112 Mansfield Avenue  
Willimantic, CT 06226

Re: CON Determination Report Number 09-31456-DTR  
Windham Community Memorial Hospital  
Relocation of Satellite Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic and  
Establishment of Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy in Storrs (Mansfield),  
Pursuant to Public Act 09-232, Connecticut General Statutes

Dear Ms. Trantalis:

On September 4, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Windham Community Memorial Hospital ("WCMH") for the relocation of a Satellite Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic and the establishment of Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy services in Storrs (Mansfield), Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. WCMH is an acute care hospital located at 112 Mansfield Avenue in Willimantic, Connecticut.
2. WCMH is proposing to relocate its existing outpatient physical therapy clinic, operated as a satellite facility of WCMH, from 14 Dog Lane in Storrs (Mansfield) to 1244 Storrs Road in Storrs (Mansfield).
3. The current and the target population for outpatient physical therapy services will not change as a result of the relocation.
4. The WCMH contends that the current outpatient physical therapy clinic is staffed by physical therapists from the University of Connecticut and is located in furnished space owned by the University of Connecticut.
5. WCMH asserts that the University of Connecticut desires to end the relationship with WCMH and operate its own outpatient physical therapy clinic.

6. WCMH is also proposing to provide occupational therapy and speech therapy services which are provided at the hospital, at the new location.
7. The target population to be served for the occupational therapy and speech therapy services includes the town of Storrs (Mansfield) which is within WCMH's primary service area.
8. The WCMH contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$520,929.
9. Pursuant to Public Act 09-232 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.):

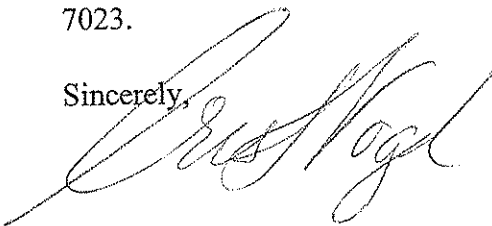
*"Each short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill that on July 1, 2009, is providing outpatient services, .....that thereafter proposes to provide such services at an alternative location within the primary service area of the health 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,..."*

10. OHCA finds that WCMH currently provides occupational therapy and speech therapy services and that the town of Storrs (Mansfield) is within WCMH's primary service area.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Windham Community Memorial Hospital's proposal for the relocation of a Satellite Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic from 14 Dog Lane in Storrs (Mansfield) to 1244 Storrs Road in Storrs (Mansfield) does not require a Certificate of Need. Additionally, the establishment of Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy services in Storrs (Mansfield), Connecticut meets the exemption requirements under Public Act 09-232 and therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required. Termination of the outpatient physical therapy clinic would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Ronald A. Ciesones at (860) 418-7023.

Sincerely,



Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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