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RE: CON Determination 06-30787-DTR
Yale-New Haven Hospital
Request to Expand Medical Oncology Treatment Center with Temporary Location in
New Haven

Dear Ms. Ahn:

On July 3, 2006, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received the Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination form to request to expand the Hospital’s Medical Oncology Treatment Center with a temporary location in New Haven, at an associated capital expenditure of \$2,341,457.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Yale-New Haven Hospital (“Hospital”), located at 20 York Street, New Haven, Connecticut, proposes to expand the Medical Oncology Treatment Center located at 800 Howard Avenue by adding space in an additional location available at One Long Wharf Drive (“Long Wharf”) in New Haven.
2. Under Docket 04-30410-CON, OHCA authorized the Hospital to establish the Yale-New Haven Cancer Center (“Cancer Center”) on its campus at 20 York Street, New Haven. The three major factors presented for the need for the Center were:
 - The growing demand for inpatient and outpatient capacity for all services;
 - The need to consolidate, enhance, and appropriately size inpatient and outpatient oncology services to meet current and projected demand; and
 - The need to upgrade or replace certain facilities on the Hospital’s campus in order to support patient care needs.

3. The Cancer Center will also include an expanded infusion suite for the Medical Oncology Unit.
4. The Hospital states that the current Medical Oncology Treatment Center located at 800 Howard Avenue in New Haven and on the main campus of the Hospital has an immediate and urgent need for expanded space due to recent growth in patient volumes. Significant growth was expected but has even exceeded the Hospital's projections. In Fiscal Year 2006, visits to the Medical Oncology Treatment Center were up 38%, totaling 13,085 visits for the first seven months compared to 9,499 over the same period in Fiscal Year 2005.
5. Delays in construction of the Cancer Center require additional interim space to enable the Medical Oncology Treatment Center to address the growing need for services until the Center is completed.
6. Although this will be a new location for the Medical Oncology Treatment Center, Long Wharf is not a new location for the Hospital. Long Wharf is located less than two miles from the Hospital's main campus.
7. The patients to be served at the Long Wharf location will be the same patient population currently served at the Howard Avenue location and the same group of patients who will be served in the Center when it opens.
8. The services that will be provided at Long Wharf include chemotherapy and infusion therapy services as well as related supportive care. Additional services will include a satellite clinical laboratory capable of running a limited panel of tests and a full service compounding pharmacy.
9. The use of Long Wharf will be a temporary additional location until the Cancer Center is completed.
10. The associated capital expenditure for the proposal is \$2,341,457.
11. Pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), each health care facility or institution 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.
12. Pursuant to Section 19a-639, as amended by Public Act 06-64, each health care facility or institution, proposing a capital expenditure exceeding three million dollars, or the acquisition of major medical equipment requiring a capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-643, in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, including the leasing or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance of the proposed initiation date of such project.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the Hospital's proposal does not represent a new function or service and the proposed capital expenditure is less than three million dollars. Pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639, as amended by Public Act 06-64, C.G.S., Certificate of Need approval from OHCA is not required for the Hospital to temporarily locate its Medical Oncology Treatment Center at One Long Wharf Drive, New Haven. The services that will be provided at Long Wharf include chemotherapy and infusion therapy services as well as related supportive care. Additional services will include a satellite clinical laboratory capable of running a limited panel of tests and a full service compounding pharmacy. OHCA understands that the once the Hospital's Cancer Center has been completed, the Medical Oncology Treatment Center will be relocated to the Cancer Center.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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