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Jean Ahn
System Director
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RE: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 08-31142-DTR
Yale New Haven Ambulatory Services Corporation
Proposal to Reduce Number of Beds at Temple Recovery Care Center

Dear Ms. Ahn:

On April 17, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your Certificate of Need (“CON”) Determination request concerning the proposal of Yale New Haven Ambulatory Services (“Petitioner”) to reduce the number of beds at the Temple Recovery Care Center in New Haven at no associated total capital expenditure. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your CON Determination request letter and makes the following findings:

1. Temple Recovery Care Center (“TRCC”) provides sub-acute, short-term nursing, rehabilitation, and related services to persons who have been hospitalized for surgery or an illness, have had outpatient surgery and need short-term sub-acute nursing services.
2. TRCC is licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health as a recovery care center; it is the only licensed recovery care center in Connecticut.
3. TRCC is licensed for 20 beds and is proposing to reduce its licensed bed capacity to 13 beds.
4. The following table reports the yearly average daily census (“ADC”) and the number of patient days by fiscal year:

Table 1: ADC and Patient Days by Fiscal Year

| | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ADC | 7.6 | 9.4 | 11.4 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Patient Days | 2,768 | 3,438 | 4,151 | 2,823 | 2,513 | 2,338* |

* Annualized number based on 961 patients days for the period 10/01/2007 to 2/29/2008

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5. Services provided include intravenous therapy, such as antibiotics, fluids, blood and blood products, and total parenteral nutrition, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work services, and discharge planning.
6. The maximum length of stay per admission is 21 days.
7. TRCC has provided continuing education and marketing to local hospitals and physicians of its services.
8. Reducing the TRCC's licensed capacity to 13 beds will:
 - a. Maintain service above the current licensing requirement for minimum staffing;
 - b. Will not incur any costs; and
 - c. Reduce the leased floor space and corresponding overhead.
9. There will be no change to the population served and there are no anticipated payer changes as a result of the proposal.
10. The Petitioner is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the C.G.S.
11. Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, states, in part:

“Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease.”
12. There is no associated capital expenditure with the Petitioner's proposal.

Based on the findings above, OHCA has determined that under Section 19a-638, C.G.S., Yale New Haven Ambulatory Services Corporation does not require CON authorization to decrease its licensed bed number from 20 to 13.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Vogel on May 30, 2008

Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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