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September 22, 2008

Kurt Barwis  
President/CEO  
Bristol Hospital  
41 Brewster Road  
PO Box 977  
Bristol, CT 06011-0977

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 08-31154-DTR  
Bristol Hospital  
Proposal to Establish Brachytherapy for the Treatment of Prostrate Cancer in Bristol

Dear Mr. Barwis:

On September 18, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) received your completed request for a Certificate of Need Determination regarding the proposal to establish brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate cancer in Bristol, with an associated capital expenditure of \$94,139. OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Bristol Hospital (“Hospital”) is a nonprofit acute care community hospital with a main campus located at 41 Brewster Road, Bristol. Bristol Hospital is a health care facility or institution as defined by Section 19a-630 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”).
2. The Hospital proposes to establish brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate cancer patients in the greater Bristol area.
3. The Hospital currently provides comprehensive hematology and oncology services, including an intravenous and infusion center which offers chemotherapy, biological response modifiers, blood transfusions, and hydrations. The Hospital has one (1) linear accelerator, independently owned and operated by members of its medical staff, for radiation oncology. The Hospital also currently provides urology services including lithotripsy and invasive nephrolithotomy.
4. The Hospital will perform brachytherapy in its perioperative suite at the Hospital’s main campus.

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5. The physicians who will be performing this service will bill for themselves while the Hospital will bill for facility fees.
6. The proposal has an associated capital expenditure of \$94,139 for the acquisition of an ultrasound unit, convex rectal transducer, MFI transrectal biplane transducer, precision stabilizer, and other auxiliary components.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for you to proceed with the proposal, pursuant to Sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as no new services are being proposed and the capital expenditure is below the \$3,000,000 Certificate of Need statutory threshold.

Please be advised, in the future, if there is a proposal to implement new or additional health care services or a capital expenditure above \$3,000,000 to be incurred, the Petitioner is required to seek further approval from OHCA.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Alexis Fedorjaczenko, Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7067.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 22, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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