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July 14, 2008

Wanda Kowalski  
Director, School Based Health Centers  
HealthCare Connection, Inc.  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06901

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 08-31198-EXM  
HealthCare Connection, Inc.  
Merger with Family Centers, Inc.

Dear Ms. Kowalski:

On July 1, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the HealthCare Connection, Inc.'s merger with Family Centers, Inc.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Health Care Connection, Inc. ("HHC") is a private, non-profit corporation based at 888 Washington Boulevard in Stamford, Connecticut.
2. HHC currently operates school-based health centers at the following locations in Stamford:
  - a. Stamford High School, 55 Strawberry Hill Avenue
  - b. Westhill High School, 125 Roxbury Road
  - c. Dolan Middle School, 55 Toms Road
  - d. Rippowam Middle School, 381 High Ridge Road
  - e. William Pitt Child Development Center, 195 Hillandale Avenue

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3. HHC has operated the above named school based health centers since its inception in 1989.
4. HHC will merge with Family Centers, Inc. of Greenwich, Connecticut as of July 1, 2008.
5. There is no associated capital expenditure with the proposal.
6. Applications will be made to the Department of Public Health to re-license the five school-based health centers under the name of the new entity, Family Centers, Inc.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal of HealthCare Connection, Inc. to merge with Family Centers, Inc. and to continue operating each of the five school-based health centers in Stamford under the new entity name meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on July 14, 2008*

Cristine A. Vogel,  
Commissioner

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C: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH