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Gary M. Steck  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wellpath, Inc.  
70 Pine Street  
Waterbury, CT 06710

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31209-EXM  
Wellpath, Inc.  
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children in Danbury

Dear Mr. Steck:

On July 21, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children at 57 North Street, Suite 402 in Danbury.

Upon review of the information contained in the request, OHCA finds the following:

1. Wellpath is a non-profit corporation located at 70 Pine Street in Waterbury, Connecticut that provides variety of services in the Northwestern Connecticut area.
2. Wellpath is proposing to establish a new outpatient psychiatric clinic for children to be located at 57 North Street, Suite 402 in Danbury.
3. The Department of Children and Families ("DCF"), in a letter received by OHCA on August 13, 2008, from Commissioner Susan I. Hamilton, JD, MSW endorses the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
4. DCF states that Wellpath is a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation headquartered in Waterbury, Connecticut that provides a continuum of treatment and support programs for children and youth throughout the Northwestern Connecticut area. Services funded by DCF include an outpatient clinic, emergency mobile psychiatric services ("EMPS"), care

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coordination (“CC”), functional family therapy (“FFT”), intensive in-home child and adolescent psychiatric service (“IICAPS”), early childhood consultation project (“ECCP”), and enhanced care coordination (“ECC”).

5. DCF indicates that Wellpath proposes to seek licensure as an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic for Children at the 57 North Street site and under this license will provide services through EMPS, CC, FFT, IICAPS, ECCP, and ECC<sup>1</sup>. Over the past year these programs have served approximately 200 children, youth, and their families. The program anticipates serving an additional 30 children and families.
6. DCF also states that the proposed establishment of a new site for service is consistent with DCF’s efforts to improve access to needed behavioral health treatment and support services throughout the state and particularly in the Northwestern Connecticut area.
7. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$18,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that Wellpath’s request to establish a new outpatient psychiatric clinic for children to be located at 57 North Street, Suite 402 in Danbury meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 19a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Diane Duran, PPT Health Care Analyst, Certificate of Need Unit, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

*Signed by Commissioner Vogel on September 4, 2008*

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

C: Honorable Susan I. Hamilton, MSW., J.D. Commissioner, DCF  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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<sup>1</sup> EMPS is a twenty-four hour, seven days per week crisis intervention for children experiencing behavioral health or psychiatric emergencies. The services may be delivered through face-to-face mobile response to the child’s home, school or location preferred by the family. CC is a program that provides case management and service coordination support to children with serious emotional disturbance and their families. FFT is an intensive home-base service that provides individual and family therapy to youth and their families., IICAPS is a team-based, family focused, intensive in-home therapeutic intervention delivered to children with serious psychiatric disturbance and their families, ECCP provides on-site expert consultation to childcare providers to prevent maladjustment/exposure of young children demonstrating behavioral disturbance in preschool, and ECC provides consultation and case-management to DCF involved youth to assist them in transitioning to community based care after a residential treatment episode.