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October 15, 2008

Edwin Renaud  
Director of Outpatient Services  
ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.  
205 Orange Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number 08-31246-EXM  
ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.  
CON Exemption Pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish a Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment Facility and a Psychiatric Outpatient  
Clinic for Adults in New Haven

Dear Mr. Renaud:

On October 9, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Sections 17a-678 and 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."), to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults in New Haven.

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

1. ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc. ("ACI") is a non-profit facility providing adult outpatient psychiatric and substance abuse treatment at 205 Orange Street in New Haven, Connecticut.
2. ACI is proposing to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 98 Park Street, New Haven, CT.
3. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services ("DMHAS"), in a letter received September 9, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, grants an exemption under CGS Section 17a-678 to allow ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc. to obtain a license for a facility in the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons - outpatient treatment for adults at 98 Park Street, New Haven, CT.

4. DMHAS states that ACI will provide these services at Park Street Inn a 15-bed residential living center located at 98 Park Street, New Haven. This program will serve 25 adults having a either primary substance use or co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorder annually. ACI is a DMHAS funded agency.
5. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter received September 9, 2008, from Assistant Commissioner Paul J. Di Leo, MS, FACHE, recommends an exemption under CGS Section 19a-639b for ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc. to provide psychiatric outpatient treatment services for adults at 98 Park Street, New Haven, CT.
6. DMHAS states that the mental health outpatient treatment program, located at 98 Park Street, New Haven, will serve 25 clients annually. The outpatient program will serve clients at ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.’s Park Street Inn, a 15-bed residential living center, and two supportive housing programs in the New Haven area.
7. ACI will be licensed by The Department of Public Health (“DPH”) as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons – outpatient treatment for adults and as a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults at 98 Park Street, New Haven, Connecticut.
8. The capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that ALSO-Cornerstone, Inc.’s request to establish a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility and psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults at 98 Park Street, in New Haven, CT, meets the exemption requirements of Sections 17a-678 and 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 Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

***Signed by Commissioner Vogel on October 15, 2008***

Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

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