

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 24, 2009

Via Facsimile Only

Robert E. Smanik, FACHE President and CEO Day Kimball Hospital 320 Pomfret Street Putnam, CT 06260

Re: CON Determination; Report Number: 09-31330-DTR

Day Kimball Hospital

Proposal to Add OB/GYN Services to the Hospital's Outpatient Center in Plainfield

Pursuant to 19a-638(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by

Public Act: 09-232, Section 93(f)

Dear Mr. Smanik:

On July 13, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your completed Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Day Kimball Hospital to add obstetric and gynecological services to the Hospital's Outpatient Center in Plainfield, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Day Kimball Hospital ("Hospital") is an acute care general hospital located at 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam, Connecticut.
- 2. The Hospital currently offers obstetric and gynecological ("OB/GYN") services on an outpatient basis.
- 3. The Hospital is seeking to add OB/GYN services at its Outpatient Center ("O/P Center"), located at 31 Dow Road in Plainfield, Connecticut.
- 4. The Hospital contends that the proposal will provide improved access to its female patients for OB/GYN services.

- 5. The current and target populations to be served by this proposal are female patients residing in the Hospital's primary service area, which includes the town of Plainfield.
- 6. The Hospital contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$87,000.
- 7. Pursuant to 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statues("C.G.S.), as amended by Public Act: 09-232, Section 93(f)
  - "Each short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill that on July 1, 2009, is providing outpatient services, .....that thereafter proposes to provide such services at an alternative location within the primary service area of the health care facility or institution, shall be exempt from the certificate of need requirements prescribed in subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act,..."
- 8. OHCA finds that the Hospital currently offers OB/GYN services on an outpatient basis and that the town of Plainfield is within the primary service area of the Hospital.

Based on these findings, OHCA determines that Certificate of Need approval is not required from OHCA for Day Kimball Hospital to proceed with its proposal to add obstetric and gynecological services to the Hospital's Outpatient Center in Plainfield, Connecticut.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely

Cristine A. Vøgel

Commissioner

C: Rose McClellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, DHSR, DPH

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