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OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

CRISTINE A. VOGEL COMMISSIONER

July 23, 2009

Via Facsimile Only

Jean Ahn System Director Yale-New Haven Hospital 20 York Street New Haven, CT 06504

Re: CON Determination Report Number 09-31405-DTR
Yale-New Haven Hospital
Establishment of Outpatient Pediatric Infusion Ancillary Service in Guilford,
Pursuant to Public Act 09-232, Connecticut General Statues

Dear Ms. Ahn:

On July 14, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Yale-New Haven Hospital ("YNHH") to establish outpatient pediatric infusion ancillary service in Guilford, Connecticut. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. YNHH is an acute care hospital located at 20 York Street in New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2. YNHH currently offers pediatric oncology services on an outpatient basis.
- 3. The Petitioner is seeking to convert a portion of an existing Yale Medical Group outpatient medical oncology practice to a provider-based YNHH based outpatient department.
- 4. The Petitioner contends that the proposed arrangement will provide better alignment, organization and coordination of pediatric chemotherapy services.
- YNHH contends to assume the equipment and a portion of the space leased by Yale Medical Group practice in Guilford that currently provides pediatric chemotherapy infusion services.

- 6. The current and the target population to be served by the physician practices include the town of Guilford, which is within the area served by YNHH's Shoreline Medical Center.
- 7. The Petitioner contends that the total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$60,000.
- 8. Pursuant to Public Act 09-232 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.):
 - "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,..."
- 9. OHCA finds that YNHH currently offers pediatric oncology services on an outpatient basis and that the town of Guilford is within YNHH's primary service area.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Yale-New Haven Hospital's proposal to establish outpatient pediatric infusion ancillary services in Guilford, Connecticut meets the exemption requirements under Public Act 09-232 and therefore, a Certificate of Need is not required.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Cristine A. Vogel

Commissioner

Attachment

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

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