

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

July 15, 2010

Via Facsimile Only

Lester A. Temkin Vice President of Clinical Operations The William W. Backus Hospital 326 Washington Street Norwich, CT 06360

Re: CON Determination Report Number 10-31646-DTR
The William W. Backus Hospital
Establishment of Plain-Film X-Ray Services in Plainfield
Pursuant to Public Act 09-232, Connecticut General Statutes

## Dear Mr. Temkin:

On June 30, 2010 the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Determination request on behalf of The William W. Backus Hospital ("Hospital") to establish Plain Film X-Ray Services in Plainfield. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. The Hospital is located at 326 Washington Street, Norwich, Connecticut.
- 2. The Hospital is proposing to establish outpatient Plain-Film X-Ray Services at the Backus Plainfield Health Center, located at 120-122 Plainfield Road, Plainfield.
- 3. The Hospital currently provides outpatient Plain-Film X-Ray Services at its main campus in Norwich and at satellite centers in Groton, Uncasville and Norwich.
- 4. The proposed services will be provided and billed for by the Hospital.
- 5. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$50,000.
- 6. 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, ..."

- 7. OHCA finds that the Hospital currently provides plain-film x-ray services at its main campus in Norwich.
- 8. The town of Plainfield is within the Hospital's primary service area.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that The William W. Backus Hospital's proposal for the establishment of outpatient Plain-Film X-Ray Services in Plainfield, Connecticut, at a capital expenditure of \$50,000, 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 Ronald A. Ciesones at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely

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Deputy Commissioner

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