



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Office of Health Care Access

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Robert D. Russo, M.D.
Robert D. Russo, M.D. and Associates Radiology, P.C.
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Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number: 10-31665-DTR
Robert D. Russo, M.D. and Associates Radiology, P.C.
Relocate a Replacement 3.0 Tesla MRI Scanner from its Shelton Office to a New
Office Location in Fairfield

Dear Dr. Russo:

On August 12, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request concerning the proposal of Robert D. Russo, M.D. and Associates Radiology, P.C. ("Practice") to relocate its Magnetic Resonance Imaging ("MRI") scanner from the Practice's Shelton office to a new office that will be located in Fairfield:

1. The Practice offers imaging services with current offices located in the towns of Bridgeport, Fairfield, Shelton and Stratford.
2. On June 11, 2010, in a Final Decision rendered under Docket Number 10-31625-WVR, the Practice received a CON Wavier from OHCA for the replacement of its existing 0.3 Tesla MRI scanner with a 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner for its office located at 25 Constitution Boulevard in Shelton.
3. The Practice is proposing to relocate its replacement 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner from its Shelton office to its new office in Fairfield, located at 75 Kings Highway Cutoff in Fairfield.
4. The Practice is closing its Shelton office and moving its office operations from Shelton to Fairfield.
5. Furthermore, the Practice's office space in Shelton is not ideal for the 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner as it has to be located on the 2nd floor of the building. The proposed location in Fairfield will provide the Practice the ability to place the 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner on the 1st floor of the building.

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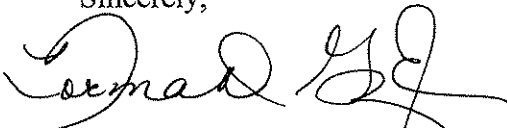
6. Locating the 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner on the 1st floor of the building will be less costly requiring only minor renovations, as the current space at the Fairfield office is already fitted-out in a way that will facilitate an easy implementation of the 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner.
7. There is no change expected in patient population that will be scanned at the proposed Fairfield office, since 28% of the Practice's historical MRI patients are from the Bridgeport/Fairfield area.
8. There is no additional capital expenditure associated with the relocation, rather the Practice will realize savings compared to what it had projected in the CON Waiver for the Shelton location.

Based upon the foregoing, OHCA has determined that the Practice's proposal to relocate its 3.0 Tesla MRI scanner, acquired under Docket No. 10-31625-WVR, from the Practice's Shelton office to its Fairfield office will not require CON approval under C.G.S. § 19a-638, as modified by Public Act 10-179, as of October 1, 2010.

Condition # 1 of Docket No. 10-31625-WVR remains in effect, requiring that the Practice remove and dispose of its existing 0.3 Tesla MRI scanner outside of and unrelated to the Practice's service locations.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,



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OHCA Deputy Commissioner

cc: Rose McLellan, DPH

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