

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Office of Health Care Access

December 23, 2011

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Kim Robbins, M.D. Owner The Robbins Eye Center 4695 Main Street Bridgeport, CT 06606

RE:

Certificate of Need, Report No.: 11-31732-DTR

The Robbins Eye Center

Reorganizing of The Robbins Eye Center P.C.

Dear Ms. Robbins:

On November 23, 2011, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request on behalf of The Robbins Eye Center ("Center"), with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for the reorganization of the Center.

Dr. Robbins, the current owner of the Center, proposes to organize the Center into a limited liability company and sell minority ownership interests to four physicians and to Merritt Healthcare which will act as the third party management company for the Center. After the proposed reorganization, the new member physicians, along with Dr. Robbins will continue to own seventy-eight percent (78%) interest in the Center.

Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is not required for the proposed transfer of ownership as greater than sixty percent (60%) of the ownership interest will be held by persons licensed pursuant to Section 20-13 in accordance with General Statutes § 19a-493b (c).

Thank you for informing OHCA of your plans and if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steven W. Lazarus, Associate Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7012.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Martone

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Director of Operations, OHCA

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