



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Office of Health Care Access

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VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

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RE: Certificate of Need, Report No.: 12-31742-DTR
St. Vincent's Medical Center
Establishment of an Urgent Care Center in Stratford

Dear Attorney Struzzi:

On January 17, 2012, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your determination request on behalf of St. Vincent's Medical Center ("SVMC"), with respect to whether a Certificate of Need ("CON") is required for the establishment of an urgent care center in Stratford.

SVMC proposes to establish Stratford Urgent Care Center ("Center") which will offer treatments for non-emergency and non-life threatening illnesses and injuries such as sprains, bruises and cuts, burns, work-related injuries, splinters/foreign bodies, cold, cough, flu, bronchitis, gastrointestinal infections and other non-emergency conditions. Additionally, the Center will also provide school and camp physicals, work physicals, basic lab services, x-ray, EKG, vision and hearing screening and drug testing.

The Center will not offer treatment for emergency medical conditions, and patients requiring such treatments will be directed to call 911 or proceed to the nearest Emergency Department. If a patient should present at the Center with an emergency medical condition, the patient will be either directed to or transported to the nearest Emergency Department equipped to handle the medical emergency.

Similar to SVMC's other 4 urgent care centers, the proposed Center will be operated by SVMC under its hospital license. Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that pursuant to General Statutes, 19a-630(10), a CON is not required for SVMC to establish an urgent care center in Stratford, Connecticut. 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
Director of Operations, OHCA

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