



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

June 10, 2013

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

Lisa M. Brady
Senior Vice President/Chief Operating Officer
Norwalk Hospital
34 Maple Street
Norwalk, CT 06856

RE: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number 13-31843-DTR
Norwalk Hospital
Discontinuation of Overnight/Weekend Emergent Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) and
Discontinuation of all HBO services in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Dear Ms. Brady:

On May 23, 2013, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") determination request on behalf of Norwalk Hospital ("Applicant") with respect to whether a CON is required for the Applicant to discontinue overnight/weekend emergent hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) and all other HBO services in the ICU.

The Applicant is a non-profit entity that has been offering hyperbaric oxygen services for over 40 years under the hospital's license issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health. The hospital experiences a very limited volume of patients requiring HBO services in the ICU and Emergency Department (ED) during overnight hours and weekends. Norwalk Hospital will continue to offer this service to its patients, but proposes to limit it to weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm in the ED and discontinue it altogether in the ICU.

Reducing the Applicant's service hours to weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm, as the Applicant described, is not a termination of inpatient or outpatient services as defined by Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-638(a)(4). Based upon the foregoing, OHCA concludes that a CON is not required.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Alla Veyberman, Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7007.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly R. Martone
Director of Operations

C: Rose McLellan, License and Applications Supervisor, DPH, DHSR

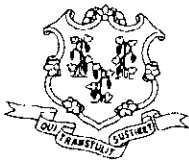
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