



**Office of Alcoholism and  
Substance Abuse Services**

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Commissioner

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This is in response to your April 2, 2019 e-mail to Governor Cuomo, indicating your opposition to the relocation of Mount Sinai Hospital to West 124<sup>th</sup> Street between Lenox and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard in Harlem.

In order for Mount Sinai Hospital to provide services at that location, they are required to apply for certification to the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). OASAS' certification application process includes a review of the consistency of the applicant's proposal in relation to: local service needs and plans; the applicant's character and competence; overall financial condition; compliance with applicable laws and regulations; continuity of care for patients; and such other matters as deemed in the public interest. Please note that OASAS receives feedback and recommendations from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as a key part of the review process.

Please be assured that if OASAS receives an application for this location, OASAS will complete its review of the application in accordance with statutory, regulatory and procedural standards.

Sincerely,

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