

March 1, 2024

John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital – Declaratory Ruling to correct 2021 Open Heart and Cardiac Catheterization AHQ data

Dear Mr. Kniery,

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital is requesting a Declaratory Ruling from the HFSRB State Board. We are requesting to correct the 2021 Annual Hospital Questionnaire for two data points: the number of open heart surgery cases and the number of cardiac catheterization procedures.

The chart below outlines the original reported numbers and the corrected data:

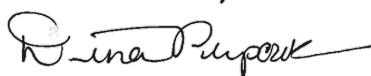
Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital 2021	Original data	Corrected data	Change
Open Heart Surgery Cases	351	246	-105
Cardiac Catheterization Procedures	2,157	2,716	+559

The open heart surgery cases were originally reported as procedures. This should be corrected to represent cases instead. The cardiac catheterization procedures were reported as cases and should have been reported as procedures instead.

The information provided in the 2022 AHQ was provided using the correct definitions. The source of the open heart surgery cases is the STS National Database, and the source of the cardiac catheterization procedures is the Hospital's Charge Description Master. The above 2021 corrections are now consistent with these sources.

Please let us know if additional information is needed or if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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