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REQUESTING ENTITY: AMITA Health Saint Mary Hospital - Chicago							

STATE BOARD STAFF REPORT DECLARATORY RULING REQUEST

I. <u>Request for Declaratory Ruling</u>

AMITA Health Saint Mary Hospital – Chicago is requesting a Declaratory Ruling from the State Board. Specifically, they are petitioning the State Board to adjust the amount of charity care reported for CY 2017 and CY 2018 and the number of intensive care days for CY 2017, 2018 and 2019.

TABLE ONE								
		2017			2018			
Charity Care (cost)	Original	Adjusted	Difference	Original	Adjusted	Difference		
Inpatient	\$1,161,124	\$2,689,386	\$1,528,262	\$1,493,887	\$3,740,801	\$2,246,914		
Outpatient	\$1,779,564	\$2,190,646	\$411,082	\$2,343,816	\$3,202,036	\$858,220		
Total	\$2,940,688	\$4,880,032	\$1,939,344	\$3,837,703	\$6,942,837	\$3,105,134		
2017				2018				
ICU Patient Days	Original	Adjusted	Difference	Original	Adjusted	Difference		
Inpatient	3,827	5,768	1,941	3,779	4,416	637		
Observation	297	<u>247</u>	-50	713	<u>513</u>	-200		
Total	4,124	6,015	1,891	4,492	4,929	437		
		2019						
ICU Patient Days	Original	Adjusted	Difference					
Inpatient	3,700	4,209	509					
Observation	304	<u>189</u>	-115					
Total	4,004	4,398	394					

AMITA Health stated the following: "AMITA Health has gone through a significant organizational transformation over the past three years, due in major part, but not entirely, to the adding of the former Presence Health hospitals to the system. During this process data collection and reporting responsibilities have shifted and evolved, as has the primary health records system used by AMITA. Also, it has come to AMITA's attention that the manner in which data is to be reported through the Annual Hospital Questionnaires ("AHQs") differs from the manner in which data is collected and used internally. As a result of inconsistencies identified over the past year, AMITA is taking steps to assure that data reported on the AHQs is being reported in a manner consistent with the AHQ's definitions, and that discrepancies will be addressed and minimized in the future."

II. Applicable Statute and Rules

The following Sections of the Act are applicable to this declaratory ruling request:

Section 12(4) states:

"For the purposes of this Act, the State Board shall exercise the following powers and duties:

"Develop criteria and standards for health care facilities planning, conduct statewide inventories of health care facilities, and develop health care facility plans which shall be utilized in the review of applications for permit under this Act."

Section 13 states:

"The State Board shall require all health facilities operating in this State to provide such reasonable reports at such times and containing such information as is needed by it to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act."

The following administrative rules are applicable to this declaratory ruling request:

77 IAC 1100.60 requires all health care facilities operating in Illinois to provide data needed for planning.

77 IAC 1100.70 states that the State Board, in conjunction with the IDPH, will publish data appendices.

77 IAC 1130.810 (Declaratory Rulings) states:

"The State Board shall render determinations on various matters relating to permits and the applicability of the statute and regulations. Request for determination shall be made in writing . . . The following matters shall be subject to declaratory rulings by the State Board:

b) corrections to the facility inventories utilized by the State Board; . . .

Additionally, pursuant to Section 5-150 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, decisions rendered by the State Board in relation to a declaratory ruling request are final and not subject to appeal.

IV. <u>State Board Staff Finding(s)</u>

The State Board Staff notes the following for the State Board's consideration:

- A. The Act grants the State Board jurisdiction to collect data from health care facilities and to compile an Inventory.
- B. The State Board, through its administrative rules, has delineated policies on the collection of data from health care facilities to compile an Inventory and to assist in comprehensive health care planning.
- C. The State Board is permitted to make Declaratory Rulings regarding "corrections to the facility inventories utilized by the State Board," per 77 IAC 1130.810(b).
- D. The Board Staff is asking the Board <u>to approve</u> this request.