

March 18, 2010

Ms. Barbara J. Martin  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Vista Health System  
1324 North Sheridan Road  
Waukegan, IL 60085

**RECEIVED**

MAR 22 2010

**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

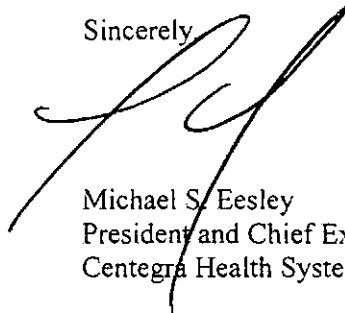
Dear Ms. Martin,

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 8 regarding Vista Health System's intent to establish a Freestanding Emergency Center (FEC) at the Vista Lindenhurst Campus. In your letter you indicate that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board rules require that you request the following information. Our responses are also listed below.

- 1. Has your emergency department experienced an average annual vacancy rate of more than 10% for budgeted full-time equivalent staff positions for health care workers subject to licensing by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations?**  
No.
- 2. How many treatment stations are located in your emergency department?**  
Centegra Hospital – McHenry has 25 treatment stations in the emergency department.
- 3. For each of the past 2 years, how many patients have been treated in your emergency department?**  
Centegra Hospital – McHenry had 38,706 and 38,938 emergency and trauma visits in 2007 and 2008, respectively, as reported in the Illinois Department of Public Health Annual Hospital Questionnaire.
- 4. What impact do you believe this proposed project will have on the utilization of your emergency department?**  
We anticipate a reduction of 13% in total outpatient emergency department visits (approximately 3,750 visits annually) at Centegra Hospital – McHenry, primarily from the northwest region of Lake County.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Eesley  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Centegra Health System

cc: Michael Constantino, Health Facilities and Services Review Board