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# Advocate South Suburban Hospital

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Phillip M. Kambic  
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Re: Response to Request for Information Regarding the Impact of Proposed Riverside HealthCare FEC

Dear Mr. Kambic,

Thank you for your letter of November 5, 2012 inquiring about the potential impact of Riverside HealthCare establishing a Freestanding Emergency Center at the Riverside North Campus in Frankfort. We believe that the proposed facility could have an adverse impact on Advocate South Suburban Hospital both in terms of staffing and utilization. Please note that as an authorized representative of the hospital, I verify that the statements below are true and correct consistent with Section 1110.3230(b)(2)(A)(4).

In terms of staffing, we are currently experiencing a staffing shortage in our emergency department as defined by Section 1110.3230(c). For the past 12 months, our vacancy rate in the emergency department at Advocate South Suburban Hospital has averaged in excess of 15 percent.

In regards to utilization, we are currently treating approximately 1500 patients per emergency department treatment station annually. Applying the state utilization standard of 2,000 visits per treatment station annually, Advocate South Suburban Hospital has excess capacity in its emergency department. We believe that the proximity of Riverside HealthCare's proposed Freestanding Emergency Center to Advocate South Suburban Hospital would lower, as provided in Section 1110.3230(c)(3)(b), to a further extent, the utilization of our emergency department below the utilization standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed project.

Very truly yours,

Richard Heim  
President

cc: Courtney R. Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board