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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street--2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Withdrawal of Exemptions
Exemptions Nos.: E-19-14 through E-37-14

Dear Ms. Avery:

On December 16, 2014 the Review Board granted change of ownership exemptions relating to a merger between Advocate Health Care Network ("Advocate") and NorthShore University Health System ("NorthShore") (collectively the "Applicants"). Based on that proposed transaction the Applicants had filed 19 Certificate of Exemption ("COE") applications relating to facilities affiliated with their two health systems. Pending litigation has delayed that merger from closing.

Because the current COEs expire December 16, 2016, the Applicants filed replacement COE applications on September 30, 2016. Those applications are numbered E-038-16 through E-056-16. Consistent with the Review Board's regulations of 1130.580 Advocate and NorthShore are requesting to withdraw the original COEs approved in 2014 listed below.

E-019-14 – Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal
E-020-14 – Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn
E-021-14 – Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville
E-022-14 – Advocate Eureka Hospital, Eureka
E-023-14 – Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, Downer Grove
E-024-14 – Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington
E-025-14 – Advocate Lutheran General Medical, Park Ridge
E-026-14 – Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago
E-027-14 – Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin
E-028-14 – Advocate South Suburban Hospital, Hazel Crest
E-029-14 – Advocate Trinity Hospital, Chicago
E-030-14 – Evanston Hospital, Evanston
E-031-14 – Glenbrook Hospital, Glenview
E-032-14 – Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park

E-033-14 – Skokie Hospital, Skokie
E-034-14 – BroMenn Comfort and Care Suites, Bloomington
E-035-14 – Dreyer Ambulatory Surgery Center, Aurora
E-036-14 – RML Chicago, Chicago
E-037-14 – RML Specialty Hospital, Hinsdale

Also consistent with the Board's regulations we are providing the information referenced below.

Description of Exemption and Related Costs (1130.580(a)(1). The exemptions referenced above and to be withdrawn all relate to the change of ownership associated the merger between Advocate and NorthShore. The transaction is a merger among not-for-profit entities and there is no cash consideration associated with the transaction.

Reason for Withdrawal (1130.580(a)(2). The reason for the withdrawal of the exemptions is that they are due to expire on December 16, 2016. Consequently, the applicants filed replacement applications with the Review Board on September 30, 2016 in the event the merger closing could not be completed by December 16.

COE Approval not based on Need Criteria (1130.580(a)(3). The exemptions referenced above were for change of ownership and was not based upon any new criteria. In addition, substantively identical applications for replacement COEs have been filed with the Board.

Finally, we are enclosing a check in the amount of \$19,000 for the application processing fee relating to the relinquishment of the exceptions. This amount represents the \$1,000 fee for nineteen applications.

We look forward to working with you to complete this transaction

Very truly yours,



Scott Powder

cc: Kristen Murtos, NorthShore University HealthSystem

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