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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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RE: Franciscan St. James Health-Chicago Heights, COE E-08-16
Franciscan St. James Health-Olympia Fields, CON 16-005

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as an indication of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago's support for Franciscan St. James Health's plans to reorganize the manner in which it provides services in the Southland Region. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago has enjoyed a close working relationship with Franciscan St. James Health, and looks forward to the relationship continuing.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a large social service agency serving over one million people Cook and Lake Counties. We are known in the Southland Region as an integral safety net agency providing financial assistance, homeless services, subsidized senior and family housing for those living in poverty. In addition to food pantries we also provide extensive in home services for the elderly. Our agency provides a hospital transition program in partnership with the Franciscan St. James Health system and approve of their plans to continue to serve the community with quality health care services.

Sincerely,

Kathy Donahue
Senior Vice President of Program Development