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## RE: Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, St. Charles, Project No. 17-057 Recovery Area Information

Dear Mr. Constantino:

Thank you for your recent request for clarification on Valley Ambulatory Surgery Center, L.P.'s ("VASC") three upgraded recovery areas at its proposed relocated ambulatory surgical treatment center ("ASTC"). To confirm, these recovery areas are not for "overnight stays" as that term is defined in the ASTC licensing regulations, which are stays with the expected duration of services exceeding 24 hours following an admission. The use of the term "overnight" at the public hearing in describing the recovery rooms was only in the vernacular sense of a stay during the night.

VASC is proposing three upgraded recovery areas for patients who require extended recovery from their outpatient surgical procedures, up to 23 hours and 59 minutes from the time of the patient's admission at VASC.

The recovery areas were also described as "luxury" only insofar as they provide for more amenities to those patients who require longer than the typical one to two hours of recovery time. They will consist of a private room containing additional furniture to host patient guests and will include other amenities, such as a television, telephone, and private bathroom access. The aim is to provide a comfortable setting for these patients, and VASC will fully comply with regulations restricting overnight stays.

In addition, you asked for the total number of proposed Stage I and Stage II recovery stations. VASC is proposing 8 Stage I recovery stations and 16 Stage II recovery stations, for a total of 24 recovery stations.

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VASC is committed to providing an optimal clinical environment for its patients and clinicians. If we can provide further information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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