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December 4, 2018

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Request for Extension of Financial Commitment Period  
Premier Cardiac Surgery Center, LLC  
Project #17-058**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Premier Cardiac Surgery Center, LLC ("Permit Holder") submits this letter as a request for an extension of the financial commitment period in connection with the certificate of need ("CON") permit issued to the Permit Holder for Project #17-058, which was granted by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("State Board") on February 27, 2018 ("Project"). Thereafter, in an effort to reduce the cost of the Project, the Permit Holder decided to engage the services of a new architecture firm. This decision led to unforeseen delays to the Project, which ultimately resulted in the Permit Holder seeking an alteration to the Project (approved by the State Board on July 24, 2018) and the submission of a permit renewal request (scheduled for State Board consideration at the December 4, 2018 meeting).

Pursuant to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.730(a), the Permit Holder now requests an extension of time to financially commit at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the total cost of the Project. While the entire time may not be necessary, the Permit Holder requests the maximum amount of time for the extension—one (1) year from the previously defined financial commitment date—to ensure that no other extension requests are needed.

On behalf of the Permit Holder, I respectfully request the State Board to approve this single extension of the financial commitment period. I will be available at the January 2019 State Board meeting to address any questions on this matter. In addition, please find enclosed the required processing fee. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Hylak-Reinholtz  
Legal Counsel for Permit Holder

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