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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services
Review Board
25 West Jefferson Street
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Springfield, IL 62761

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SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: SwedishAmerican Hospital, NICU Exemption, Rockford

**Request for Public Hearing
and
Request to Expedite Review**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I represent the applicants SwedishAmerican Hospital and SwedishAmerican Health System. Please find enclosed an original and a copy of their NICU Exemption Application for a 10-bed NICU service at their existing hospital located at 1401 East State Street in Rockford, Illinois. Also enclosed is a check for \$2,500 as the filing fee.

On behalf of the applicants, I request a public hearing on this project. Pursuant to Section 1130.930 of the Review Board's rules, please schedule a public hearing at the time the application is deemed complete.

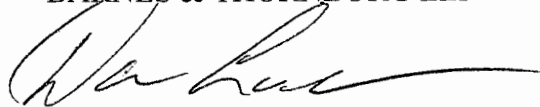
Finally, we respectfully request action on the application on or by the June 20, 2017 Review Board meeting as we are contemporaneously filing a Certificate of Need application for a modernization project for which we are also requesting expedited review.

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Thank you for your consideration of the above. Please contact me regarding the scheduling of the public hearing.

Very truly yours,

BARNES & THORNBURG LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Lawler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel J. Lawler

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Enclosures