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Mike Constantino
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: E-020-17

Mr. Constantino,

Please be advised that the discontinuation of Long Term Care (LTC) services at HSHS St. John's Hospital Springfield has been completed. The unit is officially discontinued as of May 18, 2017.

You may recall in December of 2016 we notified you that 24 LTC beds were to be reallocated to the medical-surgical category of service. As was communicated in the COE application for Project E-020-17, the 13 LTC beds that were recently discontinued have also been reallocated to the medical-surgical category of service.

As a result of these reallocations, there will be a total of 37 medical-surgical beds occupying rooms where the previous LTC beds were located. Thirty-one of the beds will be private; the remaining six are semi-private. These changes will not increase the total licensed bed count at St. John's Hospital.

A copy of a letter that was provided to the IDPH Division of Life Safety and Construction outlining the minimal updates that are required to support medical-surgical care on the previous LTC unit is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Lucore", written over a horizontal line.

Charles L. Lucore, M.D., M.B.A.
President & Chief Executive Officer
HSHS St. John's Hospital

cc: Karen Senger, RN, BSN
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Ms. Gudgel,

In response to your letter dated May 24, 2017, we are providing additional information related to the steps that we are taking to convert our discontinued Long Term Care (LTC) beds to Medical/Surgical beds. St. John's received HFSSRB approval to discontinue its LTC Category of Service on May 17, 2017 (E-020-17). As noted in the COE application, the discontinued LTC beds will be converted to Medical/Surgical beds without increasing the number of licensed beds at St. John's Hospital.

Minimal updates are required to support the conversion of these beds. Specifically:

- Additional telemetry units and associated electrical, servers and cabling will be installed to provide telemetry services to patients in these beds.
- Rooms that are currently used as office space will be converted to two medication rooms to support the unit.
- The current conference room and one office area will be converted to a storage room for beds and wheelchairs.
- St. John's is proactively reinforcing backing mount and relocating network in headwalls to support the March 2018 upgrade to a new EHR system. End room computer solutions will be upgraded as well.
- Furnishings will be upgraded through the purchase of new recliner chairs and dual sleepers in the patient rooms for families.

The total cost of these updates is estimated to be \$332,550.00.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Julie Goebel at 217-814-7079

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