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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield IL 62761

Re: Project: 18-040 OSF St.. Francis Hospital Heart Transplantation Program, Peoria
Review Board Meeting Date Change Request

Dear Ms. Avery:

Our permit application was filed on October 18, 2018 and deemed complete on October 22, 2018. No public hearing has been requested and we are not aware there will be any opposition to the re-establishment of the Heart Transplantation Program designated Category of Service at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center. In fact, there has been overwhelming public support for the re-establishment.

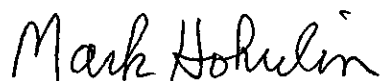
We understand our permit application is substantive and, at the State Agency's discretion, a 120-day review cycle was assigned to the application. The review cycle places us on the tentatively scheduled March 5, 2019 State Board Meeting.

OSF HealthCare System has identified several potential candidates for a heart transplantation, organ availability not withstanding. Given these potential candidates, we prefer re-establishing the transplant program as soon as possible.

Hence, we respectfully request a 60-day review period be considered for this permit application which would suggest Review Board consideration at their tentatively scheduled January 15, 2019 meeting.

Please let me know if this request is granted and if you require further information. I can be reached either by phone at 309-308-9656 or by email at mark.e.hohulin@osfhealthcare.org.

Sincerely,



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