



STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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DOCKET ITEM: C-01	BOARD MEETING: October 30, 2018	EXEMPTION NUMBER: E-043-18
EXEMPTION APPLICANT(S): Community Memorial Hospital Association and Southwestern Illinois Health Facilities, Inc.		
FACILITY NAME and LOCATION: Community Hospital of Staunton, Staunton, Illinois		

STATE BOARD STAFF REPORT
DISCONTINUATION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICE

I. The Exemption Application

The Applicants request approval of the discontinuation of a 4-bed intensive care category of service at Community Memorial Hospital Association d/b/a Community Hospital of Staunton, 400 N. Caldwell Street, Staunton, Illinois (#E-043-18). The Applicants are Community Memorial Hospital Association and Southwestern Illinois Health Facilities, Inc. The licensee and the owner of the site is Community Memorial Hospital Association. The exemption is before the State Board because the transaction is a discontinuation of a category of service.

II. Background

Community Hospital of Staunton, is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital, located at 400 N. Caldwell Street, Staunton, Illinois approximately 60 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. The Applicants stated the reason for the proposed discontinuation is the as the utilization of the Intensive Care Unit (“ICU”) decreased and as the training and competency requirements for intensive care services increased, the Hospital had difficulty maintaining the competency of its staff and the quality of ICU care provided to its patients. The Hospital has transferred patients in need of high-acuity, intensive care services and stopped actively managing its four ICU beds. This decision was based on the increased ability to monitor patients in medical-surgical beds, the decreased need for ventilator support and ICU care at the facility, and the clinical decision-making of the physicians determining that it would be best to transfer patients requiring ICU services to a facility providing a higher level of care. If a resident presents to the Hospital requiring ICU services, the patient will be transferred to another facility for the higher level of care. The four intensive care beds will be converted to four medical surgical beds and the hospital at that time will have 25 medical surgical beds. The expected date of discontinuation is November 30, 2018.

III. Applicable Rules

The Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960/6) states the State Board shall establish by regulation the procedures and requirements regarding issuance of exemptions. An exemption shall be approved when information required by the Board by rule is submitted. Projects eligible for an exemption, rather than a permit, include, but are not limited to, change of ownership of a health care facility, discontinuation of a category of service, and discontinuation of a health care facility, other than a health care facility maintained by the State or any agency or department thereof or a nursing home maintained by a county.

The State Board’s rule (77 IAC 1130.500 & 77 ILAC 1130.525) specifies the requirements necessary for a discontinuation of a category of service exemption application to be filed

with the State Board. The State Board may, by rule, delegate authority to the Chairman to grant permits or exemptions when applications meet all of the State Board's review criteria and are unopposed [20 ILCS 3960/5].

The State Board Staff Notes: No support or opposition letters were submitted and there was no request for a public hearing. All of the requirements of the State Board have been met.

STATE BOARD STAFF FINDS THE EXEMPTION FOR DISCONTINUATION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICE IN CONFORMANCE WITH CRITERIA (77 ILAC 1130.500 & 77 ILAC 1130.525)

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