



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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<b>DOCKET ITEM:</b> C-03	<b>BOARD MEETING:</b> October 30, 2018	<b>EXEMPTION NUMBER:</b> E-045-18
<b>EXEMPTION APPLICANT(S):</b> Little Company of Mary Hospital , Inc.		
<b>FACILITY NAME and LOCATION:</b> Little Company of Mary, Inc., Evergreen Park		

**STATE BOARD STAFF REPORT**  
**DISCONTINUATION OF A CATEGORY OF SERVICE**

**I. The Exemption Application**

The Applicant (Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. 2800 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Evergreen Park, Illinois (#E-045-18) proposes the discontinuation of a 20-bed pediatric category of service. Upon discontinuation, the 20 pediatric beds will be converted to 20 medical-surgical beds. The operating entity/licensee and owner of the site is Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. A Safety Net Impact Statement and Charity Care Information have been provided as required. Impact Letters were sent to hospitals within 45-minutes of Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. that maintain pediatric services. The expected completion date is November 1, 2018.

The exemption is before the State Board because the transaction is a discontinuation of a category of service.

**II. Background**

Little Company of Mary Hospital, Inc. is a 298 bed hospital located in Evergreen Park, Illinois. The Inpatient Pediatric census at Little Company of Mary Hospital have declined in recent years;

746 days in calendar year 2015 – 10.2% occupancy;  
722 days in calendar year 2016 – 9.9% occupancy; and  
680 days in calendar year 2017 – 9.3% occupancy.

Maintaining the Pediatric Category of Service along with dedicated beds and dedicated staff is no longer practical for Little Company of Mary Hospital. The hospital states that it will continue to care for any pediatric patient who presents to the Emergency Department, their Care Stations (urgent care centers) and for outpatient surgery.

**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)**

