

April 23, 2019

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Dear Ms. Senger,

This letter is in follow up to your written communication dated March 14, 2019 regarding the closure of the inpatient pediatric unit at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Effective April 26, 2019, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center will close our inpatient pediatric unit. Pediatric patients that present to the Emergency Department will continue to be evaluated and treated. If the patient requires an admission to the hospital, the process will be to activate our transfer policy. Patients would be transferred to Advocate Children's Hospital or other local facilities based on criteria and input from the attending physician and the patient's family.

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center will continue to treat all newborns (normal nursery and neonatal intensive care) as well as all pediatric emergency and outpatients.

The hospital submitted the appropriate documentation to the Health Facilities and Services Review Board per exemption E-068-18 to request the discontinuation of our inpatient pediatric services. Our request was accepted.

Plans for the conversion of the pediatric beds to neonatal category are underway, and we will respond to the letter from Design and Construction Section, Division of Life Safety and Construction when it is ready to be reviewed.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at 773-296-7081 or Adrienne Gabriel, Director of Regulatory and Quality Management at 773-296-5651.

Sincerely,



Susan Nordstrom Lopez
President, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

cc: Adrienne Gabriel, AIMMC Director Regulatory and Quality Management

cc: **Mike Constantino**
Health Facilities and Services Review Board

cc: IDPH, Design and Construction Section
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