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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
Project 19-008
Request for Expedited Review

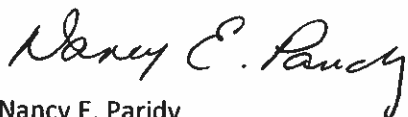
Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this letter as a request to have the review of the above-referenced project placed on the Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board ("HFSRB")'s April 30, 2019 agenda. As you are aware, a Public Hearing has not been requested for this project, and no letters of opposition have been submitted.

The project proposes the addition of twenty (20) comprehensive physical rehabilitation beds through the renovation of existing space. As you are aware, under normal circumstances this project would not be reviewable because it is proposing less than a 10% increase in the hospital's number of licensed beds, and the project cost will be under the HFSRB's threshold. A Permit is being required only because a determination has been made by your staff that the space to be renovated is "shell" space. This determination was not anticipated, and the architectural plans have already been submitted for review by IDPH's licensure and standards division. The Board's review of this project at its June 4, 2019 meeting, as scheduled, will unnecessarily delay the beginning of construction, which was anticipated to occur this month.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours very truly,



Nancy E. Paridy
Senior Vice President,
Chief Administrative Officer