

## Adams County Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, iL 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

Our community depends on Blessing Hospital and the critical services they provide to our residents, visitors, and businesses. Adams County Ambulance & EMS values the collaborative partnership we have built over 40+ years to provide high quality emergency medical care. Blessing Hospital's commitment to our community is evident in their presence and expansive services creating Quincy Illinois, a destination for healthcare. As an emergency medical provider, we work together; to identify community and regional based solutions that result in a positive impact and outcome for patients.

Throughout the past 12 months, Adams County Ambulance & EMS has transferred 13 patients from the current ASTC located at 1118 Hampshire the short two blocks to Blessing Hospital. Despite our availability of ambulance transportation, a relocation of these services to adjoin the existing in-patient services is a benefit to our patients.

Blessing Hospital continues to be proactive to the needs of our community, advancing our capabilities, and improving the overall wellness of our patients and region. Adams County Ambulance & EMS supports Blessing Hospital's desire to relocate their facilities for improved continuity of care for patients.

Respectfully

John W. Simon, Chief