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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Discontinuation of a Category of Service Exemption

Exemption # E-028-19 - Trinity Medical Center - Rock Island

Exemption Holder: Iowa Health System, Trinity Regional Health System Project completion notification in compliance with Section 1130.770

Dear Ms. Avery:

In compliance with Section 1130.770, this letter is to notify you of our project completion to discontinue the 29-bed long term category of service at Trinity Medical Center – Rock Island (Trinity), 2701 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Trinity received an e-mail notification on August 7, 2019 that the Certificate of Exemption (COE) #E-028-19 was approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board at its meeting on August 6, 2019.

Since submitting the COE application on June 28, 2019 and complying with the public notice requirements, Trinity has experienced a decline in patient referrals. Due to the proposed discontinuation of the long-term care beds, Trinity has received a significant number of resignations from clinical staff. With the limited availability of clinical staff to care for patients, it has been determined that Trinity would not have sufficient clinical staff to appropriately care for patients after Friday, August 16, 2019.

Therefore, Trinity Medical Center – Rock Island discharged its last long-term acute care patient on August 14, 2019 and thereby discontinued the service. Furthermore, all medical records are being retained according to federal and state laws. There were no capitalized project costs associated with the discontinuation and no modifications to the facility. Trinity Medical Center – Rock Island is in full compliance with the approved permit.

If we can provide any further information related to the COE, please contact Pamela Samuelson, Director of Business Planning and Development at UnityPoint Health – Trinity, at (563) 742-2616 or <a href="mailto:pamela.samuelson@unitypoint.org">pamela.samuelson@unitypoint.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Vice President Chief Operating Officer** 

cc: Mike Constantino

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