



# STATE OF ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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## VIA EMAIL

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RE: Change of Ownership Exemption, Health Facilities Planning Act--Part 1130 Exemption.  
Exemption #: E-039-21 – Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center LLC  
Exemption Holder: NS-EE Holdings, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Northwest  
Community Healthcare, Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center LLC  
Owner of Physical Plant: Northwest Community Hospital  
Entity to be Licensed: Northwest Community Hospital

Dear Mr. Bautista and Ms. Friedman:

On October 15, 2021, the Chairwoman of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (State Board) acting on behalf of the State Board under 77 ILL. Adm. Code 1130 approved your request for a change of ownership exemption. The approval was based upon the application's compliance with applicable provisions of 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130, Section 1130.520. The exemption is for Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center LLC, 1455 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois. The Surgery Center has been approved for the following surgical services:

| <b>Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center LLC</b> |
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| Orthopedic                                           |
| Pain Management                                      |
| Podiatry                                             |

The exemption is considered a change in the membership or sponsorship of a not-for-profit corporation that is the licensed entity. The licensee is Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center LLC and the owner of the site is Designer Direct, Inc.

You are reminded that this exemption for change of ownership in which the applicant submitted key terms of the transaction, certification that the transaction was or was not completed according

to the key terms contained in the application. The exemption holder must submit the certification within 90 days after the closing date of the transaction. To demonstrate completion of this transaction the exemption holder must provide the State Board with the date that the ownership change occurred and provide a copy of the license or certification issued pursuant to the change of ownership. Failure to provide the required notification shall subject the exemption holder to the sanctions provided under Section 14 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The exemption holder is also reminded that 77 Il. Adm. Code 1130.140 defines transactions that constitute a change of ownership of a health care facility. You should become familiar with those definitions.

The State Board's approval does not exempt the transaction from any other regulatory, certification or licensure requirements that may be applicable prior to acquisition. The exemption will be invalid should the facility for which the change of ownership was granted cease to be an existing health care facility as defined in 77 Il. Adm. Code 1130.140.

Should you have any questions please contact Mike Constantino or George Roate of my staff at [mike.constantino@illinois.gov](mailto:mike.constantino@illinois.gov) or [george.roate@illinois.gov](mailto:george.roate@illinois.gov) or 217-782-3516.

Sincerely,



Courtney R. Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board