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RE: Change of Ownership Exemption, Health Facilities Planning Act--Part 1130 Exemption.

Exemption #: E-042-21 – Northwest Endo Center LLC

Exemption Holder: NS-EE Holdings, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Northwest

Community Healthcare, Northwest Endo Center LLC Owner of Physical Plant: NWG PARTNERS L.L.C. Entity to be Licensed: Northwest Endo Center LLC

Dear Mr. Bautista, Mr. Mollet 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 Endo Center LLC, 1415 South Arlington Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois. The Surgery Center has been approved for the following surgical services:

Northwest Endo Center LLC
Gastroenterology

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 Endo Center LLC and the owner of the site is NWG PARTNERS L.L.C.

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 II. Adm. Code 1130.140.

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

Sincerely,

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator

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