

NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, notice is given of the receipt of an Application for Exemption for a change of ownership of St. Margaret Health – Peru, 925 West Street, Peru, Illinois (#E-026-23). The Applicants are OSF Healthcare System, St. Margaret Health-Peru and Ottawa Regional Hospital and Healthcare Center dba OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. This change of ownership is considered a purchase resulting in the issuance of a license to an entity different from the current licensee. The fair market value of the transaction is \$38 million which includes the Hospital campus and personal property belonging to St. Margaret Health-Peru and various off-campus real properties owned by St. Margaret's Health-Peru. OSF Healthcare System is purchasing a 49-bed Hospital in Peru, Illinois. Upon approval the 49-bed Hospital will be operated as a second campus of a OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center a 99-bed Hospital in Ottawa, Illinois.

This exemption application was called substantially complete on **June 14, 2023**. Written requests (no emails or faxes will be accepted) for a public hearing must be received by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board no later than **June 29, 2023**. Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the **August 15, 2023**, State Board Meeting. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by **July 26, 2023**.

The Application can be viewed at the offices of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board at the address below or at the State Board's website (<https://www.illinois.gov/sites/hfsrb/Pages/default.aspx>)

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