



STATE OF ILLINOIS

HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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August 14, 2025

TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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Re: Project Number: #24-041
Facility Name: Metroeast Surgery Center
Facility Address: 5023 North Illinois Street, Suite 3, Fairview Heights, IL
Applicants: Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, LLC d/b/a Metroeast Surgery Center, Haris Assets, LLC
Project Description: Add Urology Surgery Services to Existing Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center
Permit Amount: \$500,000
Permit Conditions: None
Financial Commitment Date: December 31, 2025
Project Completion Date: December 31, 2025
Annual Progress Report Due Date: December 31, 2025

Dear Dr. Ahmed and Ms. Friedman:

On August 12, 2025, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) approved the permit application for the above-referenced project. This approval was based on substantial conformance with the applicable standards and criteria outlined in the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act [20 ILCS 3960] and Sections 1110 and 1120 of the 77 Illinois Administrative Code.

In arriving at a decision, the HFSRB considered the staff report and findings, as well as the application materials, public hearing testimony, public comments (oral and written), testimony presented before the HFSRB, and any additional relevant materials requested by the HFSRB staff.

This letter confirms the issuance of the permit following approval at the aforementioned HFSRB meeting. This permit is valid only for the specified construction or modification, site, permit amount, project completion date, and the named permit holder (as outlined in the application and the aforementioned HFSRB open meeting), and is **not transferable or assignable**. Under the Planning Act, the permit remains valid until the project is completed, provided all post-permit requirements have been fulfilled, as outlined in



Section 77 of the Illinois Code. Adm. Code 1130.

The Permit Holder must comply with all applicable requirements outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130 includes, without limitation, the following criteria to maintain a valid permit. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in the invalidation of the license, as well as sanctions, fines, and/or HFSRB action to revoke the permit for Project #24-041.

1. FINANCIAL COMMITMENT 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.720

The project must be obligated by the above-referenced **Financial Commitment Date** unless the permit holder obtains an “Extension of the Financial Commitment Period” as provided in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.730. The Financial Commitment is to be reported as part of the first annual progress report for permits requiring financial commitment within twelve (12) months after issuance. For major construction projects that need financial commitment within twenty-four (24) months after permit issuance, financial commitment must be reported as part of the second annual progress report. If project completion is required before the respective annual progress report referenced above, project obligation must be reported as part of the notice of project completion. The reporting of financial commitment must reference a specific date by which at least 33% of total funds assigned to project costs were expended or committed to be expended by signed contracts or other legal means.

2. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT-SECTION 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.760

Each permit holder shall submit annual progress reports to HFSRB staff every 12 months from the permit issuance date until the project is completed. *A permit holder must submit annual progress reports no earlier than 30 days before and no later than 30 days after each anniversary date of the Board's approval of the permit until the project is completed.*

3. PROJECT COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS-SECTION 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.770

The requirements for a compliant Final Realized Costs Report are defined in the State Board's regulations under 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.770. This letter serves as notice of the permit holder's obligation to comply with all post-permitting requirements, including, but not limited to, the project completion notification and the final costs realized report.

This permit does not exempt the Project or Permit Holder from licensing and certification requirements, including approval of applicable architectural plans and specifications before construction.

Please note that the Illinois Department of Public Health will not license the permitted facility until all the permit requirements outlined in the applicable sections in Title 77 of the Illinois Administrative Code have been fulfilled.



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If you have any questions, contact HFSRB staff at (217) 782-3516 or via email at DPH.HFSRB@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board



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Certificate of Service

Sharie Ryan, HFSRB Office Coordinator, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to §1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/1-109), certifies that the statements set forth in this certificate of service are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that they verily believe the same to be true and that they have served a copy of the above-mentioned documents from the foregoing Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board on August 14, 2025 to the below-referenced Applicant(s), by electronic mail and U.S. Post Office Certified Mail to the following:

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By: s/ Sharie Ryan
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