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Ms. Debra Savage
Chairperson
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Mr. John Kniery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Mr. Michael Constantino
Chief, Project Review
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

Re: Withdrawal of Permit Application #24-013
OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center – Discontinuation of Facility

Dear Ms. Savage, Mr. Kniery, and Mr. Constantino,

OSF Healthcare System (“OSF”) and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center-Ottawa (“SEMC-Ottawa”) hereby withdraw permit application #24-013 for the discontinuation of the current hospital at SEMC-Ottawa. The permit application for this discontinuation project was filed on April 29, 2024, and has been deferred three times at our request. The current deferral is through March 31, 2026.

The withdrawal is necessary because the replacement hospital permit application #24-011 is also being withdrawn. These withdrawals recognize that a planning process for any new healthcare services in eastern LaSalle County will require significant time and will not be completed during the deferral period ending March 31, 2026. OSF needs to reconsider the scope of services, size, cost and location of any potential new facility, and plans to discontinue the existing hospital facility. The planning process may take 18 months or more. During that timeframe, OSF SEMC-Ottawa plans to continue to maintain and operate its current hospital in Ottawa.



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When we resume the planning process, OSF will have active discussion with and obtain input from communities in eastern LaSalle County as well as other communities in the planning area. We will also gather data on patient utilization following the consolidation of ICU and inpatient Obstetrics services at SEMC-Peru, the discontinuation of those services at SEMC-Ottawa, and the opening of the full 45 med/surg beds at SEMC-Peru.

We are grateful to the State staff for their guidance through this complex process. OSF will continue communicating with State staff when appropriate when preparing permit applications consistent with regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mark Hohulin or Ralph Weber.

Sincerely,

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