

Narrative Description

In the space below, provide a brief narrative description of the project. Explain **WHAT** is to be done in **State Board defined terms**, **NOT WHY** it is being done. If the project site does NOT have a street address, include a legal description of the site. Include the rationale regarding the project's classification as substantive or non-substantive.

The project is the expansion of clinical services at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Peru ("SEMC-Peru"). The project involves the modernization of existing space to accommodate an 8-bed ICU unit, an increase of four ICU beds above the existing 4 ICU bed unit in space which is being converted to medical/surgical use. 7 medical/surgical beds are being added to the existing 38 medical/surgical beds, for a total of 45. The 11 bed Obstetrics service with 7 OB rooms and 4 LDRPs will be used as is. At the completion of the project, total bed complement will be 64 beds, an increase of 15 from the current 49.

There is no capital cost associated with the additional medical/surgical beds or the OB unit. Other clinical services continuing in existing space include a surgery department with 5 ORs and one procedure room, a C-section room in OB, diagnostic imaging, outpatient services, pharmacy, lab and supporting facility services. The existing emergency department has 10 treatment bays. 4 additional e-ED beds will be added in existing space to accommodate flexes in volume, but will not be open 24 hours a day. These "virtual beds" are a pilot program enabling staff to improve patient flow in peak times, especially addressing patients who leave without being seen due to extended waiting.

SEMC-Peru is the former St. Margaret's Health-Peru, which closed last year. The facility was acquired by OSF Healthcare System in November, 2023 (Certificate of Exemption for Change of Ownership #E-026-23). The acquisition allows Saint Elizabeth Medical Center to operate at two sites (SEMC-Peru and SEMC-Ottawa) under one license. The increased capacity at SEMC-Peru accommodates some of the current services at SEMC-Ottawa being discontinued or reduced in scale at the SEMC-Ottawa replacement hospital.

This Certificate of Need permit application is one of three related projects, each of which has a separate permit application. Permit application #24-011 addresses the establishment of the OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center-Ottawa replacement hospital. An additional CON application covers the discontinuation of the existing OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center-Ottawa that is being replaced. OSF requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board coordinates the reviews of these three projects at the same meeting later this year.

The ICU modernization is 2,674 clinical departmental gross square feet. Medical/surgical space is being expanded at no cost by 2,632 clinical dgsf. Over 87,000 sq ft of clinical space will be used as is without additional cost.

Total capital cost of the project is \$5,594,105. \$3,484,671 is clinical; \$2,109,434 is non-clinical.

The anticipated completion date for the project is December 31, 2025.

The project is considered Substantive because it involves the addition of more than 10% to inpatient beds in existing categories of services.