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Via Email

Mr. John Kniery
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**Re: Kindred Hospital Sycamore (Proj. No. 24-038)
Request for Expedited Review**

Dear Mr. Kniery:

On behalf of Kindred Healthcare Operating, LLC and Kindred Sycamore, LLC (collectively, “Kindred”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the “State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Kindred Hospital Sycamore application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the March 18, 2025, State Board meeting. This project proposes the discontinuation of a 64-bed long-term acute care hospital located at 225 Edward Street, Sycamore, Illinois (the “Hospital”).

As noted in the CON Application, Kindred leases the building housing the Hospital from a third-party landlord. The lease expires on April 30, 2025. On October 17, 2024, Kindred conducted a town hall to notify the staff the Hospital would close on or around April 30, 2025. Retaining staff for more than six months while the CON Application is pending will be extremely difficult. To assure the Hospital discontinuation is performed in an orderly and timely manner, Kindred respectfully requests the CON Application be considered at the March 18, 2025, State Board meeting.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of Kindred's request for expedited review of the Kindred Hospital Sycamore CON Application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne M. Cooper".

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