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by electronic mail

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

October 24, 2024

Mr. John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Requests for Deferrals of Consideration
COEs #E-016-24, E-018-24 through E-026-24
and E-029-24
Changes of Ownership

Dear John:

This letter is being provided on behalf of Prime Healthcare Services, Inc., Prime Healthcare Foundation, Inc., and Ascension Health (jointly referred to as the "Applicants"), applicants for the Certificate of Exemption applications identified above, and with their approval for me to do so.

The applications address the proposed changes of ownership of nine hospitals and two ASTCs.

Due to the scale and complexity of the proposed transaction, the Applicants wish to provide the HFSRB with as much information as needed and possible ahead of presenting before the HFSRB. The Applicants' shared hope is to address all questions and concerns before they come before the HFSRB and therefore respectfully request that consideration of the above-identified applications scheduled to be heard by the HFSRB at its October 29, 2024 meeting, be deferred to the December 10, 2024 scheduled meeting.

The Applicants have provided all information requested by the HFSRB's staff to-date and in this interim period, reinforce that they are available to address any questions and work collaboratively. The Applicants' shared commitment is to ensure the continued service and legacy of these facilities and not only meet the needs of the communities, but uplift and serve communities through compassionate, quality care for all.

Should any additional information be desired, please don't hesitate to forward your request to me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Jacob M. Axel

cc J. Roknich
S. Aleman
B. Dominguez