



STATE OF ILLINOIS

HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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November 21, 2024

Joe Ourth, Partner
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Re: EXEMPTION APPROVAL

EXEMPTION: #E-030-24 – Retina Surgery Center, LLC

EXEMPTION HOLDERS: Retina Surgery Center, LLC., EyeSouth Eye Care Services, LLC., EyeSouth Holdings Topco LLC

OPERATING ENTITY/LICENSEE: Retina Surgery Center, LLC

SITE OWNERSHIP: Golf Western, LLC

Dear Mr. Ourth:

On November 20, 2024, the Chairwoman of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”), acting on behalf of the State Board, approved your request for a change of ownership of Retina Surgery Center, LLC, 8780 W. Golf Road, Suite 102, Niles, Illinois. The approval was based upon the application's compliance with applicable provisions of 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130. The change of ownership is considered a stock transfer, resulting in no change from the current licensee. The anticipated exemption completion date is within 90 days of completing the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

You are reminded that this exemption for a change of ownership of a health care facility shall be invalid if the exemption holder fails to submit a statement to the Board within 90 days after the closing date of the transaction or such longer period as provided by the Board, certifying that the change of ownership has been completed in accordance with the key terms contained in the application. If such key terms of the transaction change, a new application is required. [20 ILCS 3960/8.5(a)] Failure to provide the required notification shall subject the exemption holder to the sanctions provided under Section 14 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The exemption holder is also reminded that 77 IAC 1130.140 defines transactions that constitute a change of ownership of a healthcare facility. You should become familiar with those definitions.

The State Board's approval does not exempt the transaction from any other regulatory, certification, or licensure requirements applicable before acquisition. The exemption will be invalid should the facility for which the change of ownership was granted cease to be an existing healthcare facility.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Mike Constantino or

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George Roate of my staff at Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov or George.Roate@illinois.gov or 217.782.3516

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. Kniery", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

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