



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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May 27, 2025

**TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND CERTIFIED MAIL**

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**RE: Notice of Satisfaction of Completeness Requirements and Commencement of the Review Period**

**PROJECT No: 25-020 Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton**

**APPLICANTS: Alton Memorial Hospital**

**BJC Health System d/b/a BJC HealthCare**

Dear Mr. Axel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced application on May 20, 2025 for a permit under the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act ("Act") [20 ILCS 3960, *et seq.*].

After reviewing the submitted documentation, the staff of the Health Facilities & Services Review Board ("HFSRB" or "State Board") has deemed the permit application substantially complete as of May 27, 2025, and ready for review as outlined in the Act and Part 1130 of Title 77 of the Illinois Administrative Code ("Code").

We previously received your check for \$2,500.00. The balance of the required fee has been determined to be **\$97,500.00**. **To avoid a possible invalidation of the permit, the payment must be made to the "Illinois Department of Public Health" within thirty (30) days of receiving this notice.** The check should be made out in the exact amount, as rounding off dollar amounts complicates our records unnecessarily.

This letter also serves to notify you that the above-referenced permit application is now in the review period. During the review period, HFSRB staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the project and prepare a report of findings for submission to the HFSRB. See 77 Ill. Adm. Code §§1130.610-650. Please note that HFSRB staff may request additional information during the review period.

The permit applicant can review a copy of the report and appear before HFSRB to answer questions regarding the proposed project.

The HFSRB Staff Report and any related materials for this project will be posted on the HFSRB website within fourteen (14) days before the HFSRB meeting at which the proposed project will be heard.

The HFSRB staff has tentatively scheduled the consideration of the above project for presentation to the State Board at the August 12, 2025 meeting. It will be noted on the corresponding agenda posted on the HFSRB website as outlined in the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/].



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Under applicable law and administrative rules, a public hearing about the above-referenced project may be requested. See Subpart I of Part 1130 of Title 77 of the Code. If a public hearing is requested, HFSRB staff will notify you regarding the time and place for the public hearing.

Should you have any questions regarding the above permit application, please contact HFSRB staff at [DPH.HFSRB@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.HFSRB@illinois.gov) or (217) 782-3516 (TTY (800) 547-0466 for deaf and hard-of-hearing people only).

Sincerely,

Debra Savage Chairwoman



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**NOTICE OF REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
AND WRITTEN COMMENT**

Per the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act [20 ILCS 3960/], notice is given of receipt to modernize the Surgery Department at an acute care hospital in Alton. Project #25-020, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton. Applicants: Alton Memorial Hospital and BJC Health System d/b/a BJC HealthCare. The Applicants propose to modernize its perioperative services (Surgery Suites, Pre and Post Operative recovery), at its hospital, located at One Memorial Drive, Alton. Project cost: \$49,341,477.

The application was deemed substantially complete on May 27, 2025. A copy of the application may be viewed at the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) Office at the address below. To obtain a copy of an application, please call the office for details and copying fees at the number listed below. Consideration by HFSRB has been tentatively scheduled for the August 12, 2025, meeting. Any person wanting a public hearing on the proposed project must submit a written request for a hearing to:

Mike Constantino, Supervisor, Project Review Section  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525  
West Jefferson Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Springfield, Illinois 62761  
(217) 782-3516  
(TTY# 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only)

HFSRB staff must receive requests for hearings by **June 11, 2025**. The public may also submit written comments on this project. All public written comments must be **received** by **July 23, 2025**.

HFSRB will post its findings in a HFSRB Staff Report, which will be available via the Internet on **July 29, 2025**. The public may submit written responses in support of or in opposition to the findings of the HFSRB staff. All written public comments about the HFSRB staff findings must be **received** before **9:00 am, August 4, 2025**. The internet address used to access this report is:

[www.hfsrb.illinois.gov](http://www.hfsrb.illinois.gov)



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Sharie Ryan, HFSRB Office Coordinator, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to §1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/1-109), certifies that the statements set forth in this certificate of service are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that they verily believe the same to be true and that they have served a copy of the above-mentioned documents from the foregoing Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board on May 27, 2025 to the below-referenced Applicant(s), by electronic mail and by U.S. Post Office Certified Mail to the following:

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By: s/ Sharie Ryan  
HFSRB Office Coordinator