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To: [DPH.HFSRB](#)
Subject: [External] Ascension closing Alexian Brothers Medical Center Women and Infants Department
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To members of the board,

As a 38 year Veteran Labor and Delivery Nurse at ABMC, I am writing in opposition of the proposed closing of our Women and Infants Department. Our unit provides services to the community that are very much needed. There are many instances in which either a mom or baby would have literally died, had our unit not been up and functioning. Though SAMC is close by, a 15 minute window for just the transfer would have turned a good outcome into a very poor and sad outcome on more than a few occasions.

This is not only a case of working towards centers of excellence, in my opinion. I believe that the bottom line is pure and simply money. Corporate greed at its finest. If the true reason was creating centers of excellence, this is not the way to go about it. What would make more sense, is to tell the community and then prepare to make such a huge move as this. SAMC does not have the availability to take on the additional 100 deliveries that we will be giving them in addition to what they already have. On a daily basis they have procedures on hold and do not have either enough staff or enough rooms to provide for all the patients of the doctors that are there currently. Ascension keeps saying that they are doing this in the best interest of moms and babies, but if this was true, they would do it in the correct manner. They have already said that SAMC needs more rooms to provide appropriate care for the patients we will be bringing. In my mind, that means that they should postpone closing ABMC, until the construction is complete at SAMC. This would give both staff and the community the time it needs to prepare for this. The welfare of moms and babies will be in jeopardy, and I am asking the board to strongly consider denying Ascension's request at this time. Any, and all help you are able to give us would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wendy Pinones

Sent from my iPhone