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Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board

Attn: John P. Kniery, Administrator

525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62761

Re: ACCESS and GFH Support Letter Concerns

On behalf of the Women and Infant Services team at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, I would like to formally express our concerns regarding the recent support statements issued by Access Community Health Network (ACCESS) and Greater Family Health in relation to the proposed transition of services.

While we acknowledge the critical importance of ensuring accessible and affordable health care for our communities, it is essential to recognize that removing existing services directly reduces accessibility- this is intuitively clear and widely understood. The longstanding and trusted health care resources at Alexian Brothers have played a vital role in meeting the needs of women and infants in our region, especially in partnership with ACCESS.

Statements from ACCESS and Greater Family Health have referenced confidence in the ability of Ascension Saint Alexius Women and Children's Hospital to absorb the transition, citing their 24/7 OB emergency care, high-risk pregnancy services, maternal-fetal medicine, neonatal specialty care, labor and delivery services, and mental health support. However, these statements overlook and diminish the fact that Alexian Brothers also currently provides this comprehensive range of services under its Level II OB designation.

Furthermore, it is misleading for Ascension to cite Alexian Brothers' Level I designation in its application to discontinue services when the facility actively maintains and staffs six intensive care neonatal beds that can accommodate newborns 32 weeks gestation and older. Project #E007-05 approved by IHFSRB to formally expand licensed NICU capacity is in progress and is expected to be completed within two years from application submission. During this time, Saint Alexius has already experienced regular bypass events:

April 11-14 (4)

April 7-9 (3)

March 27-31 (5)

March 25-27 (3)

March 17-18 (2)

March 11-13 (3)

Feb 28-March 3 (4)

March 3-5 (3)

Jan 10-13 (4)

Dec 16-17 (2)

Dec 13-16 (4)

A total of thirty-seven bypass days, beginning in December 2024 were communicated to Alexian staff via email. It is in question whether any bypass days beyond April 2025 were omitted from communication, particularly in light of the transition announcement made in July 2025. This begs the question, why not maintain Alexian's Level II nursery until NICU expansion is complete to accommodate new influx of moms and babies? This way, should occupancy in NICU be full, babies 32 weeks and older can transfer more locally to Alexian Brothers rather than separate mom, entire family and baby with a transfer within our perinatal network to Loyola in Maywood, IL or any other hospital.

With increased patient volume redirected from Alexian Brothers, serious questions arise about the capacity of Saint Alexius to adequately handle emergent maternal and neonatal cases, yet alone scheduled inductions of labor that are routinely on hold. (Please see attached documentation.)

Why is this transition being initiated before Saint Alexius is fully prepared to absorb the patient volume? Additionally, while planning is underway to increase neonatal capacity, why has there been no parallel plan to expand capacity for maternal care?

Concerns also arise around the nature of the partnerships involved—particularly with ACCESS. The arrangement appears to be disproportionately beneficial to Ascension. According to former Alexian OB Chairman, if patient volumes from Alexian Brothers exceed Saint Alexius' capacity, Ascension reserves the option to "drop" any ACCESS clinic to manage capacity. Currently, there is a plan to discontinue ACCESS Melrose Park, seemingly to reduce projected volume. This approach raises concerns about equity, transparency, and the true benefit of this partnership for ACCESS and the patients it serves.

Ultimately, this transition presents significant implications for community health access, and we urge all stakeholders to reconsider the timing, planning, and communication surrounding these changes. The needs of our patients—especially expectant mothers and newborns—must remain at the center of all decisions.

We respectfully request that this matter be carefully reviewed and that community impact be fully considered before any further action is taken.

Sincerely,

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For documentation purposes, the following illustrates random dates when the combined census at both facilities reached levels that would not be sustainable or safe for providing quality care due to high patient volumes. This increased census also impacts the postpartum department, where extended lengths of stay (typically 1–3 days) further reduce bed availability.

These dates serve as snapshots of the census, highlighting that caring for 20 or more pregnant patients requires significant staffing resources and raises serious concerns regarding safety, quality, and patient outcomes.

Nursing staff at Alexian consistently observe fluctuations in census between both hospitals, with Alexian at times experiencing equal or higher patient numbers. The dates provided do not represent all occurrences but rather offer a sample view of the ongoing demand faced at Alexian.

7-7-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 11

3 INDUCTIONS

1 C/S

2 LABOR

5 TRIAGES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 12

2 ANTEPARTUM

6 INDUCTIONS

2 RECOVERIES

2 C/S

7-9-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 10

3 INDUCTIONS

2 LABOR

4 TRIAGES

1 RECOVERY

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 12

3 ANTEPARTUM

8 INDUCTIONS

1 LABOR

7-10-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 8

3 INDUCTIONS

1 LABOR

2 DELIVERIES

2 TRIAGES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 14
4 ANTEPARTUM
4 LABOR
4 INDUCTIONS
2 DELIVERIES

7-12-25
ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 11
4 INDUCTIONS
1 LABOR
2 DELIVERIES
4 TRIAGES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 10
4 ANTEPARTUM
3 LABOR
3 INDUCTIONS

7-13-25
ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 9
3 INDUCTIONS
3 LABOR
1 DELIVERY
2 TRIAGES

7-16-25
ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 10
3 INDUCTIONS
1 LABOR
2 TRIAGES
4 DELIVERIES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 16
7 ANTEPARTUM
6 INDUCTIONS
3 DELIVERIES

7-21-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 10

4 INDUCTIONS

1 LABOR

5 TRIAGES

8-13-15

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 9

5 INDUCTIONS (3 ON HOLD)

1 ANTEPARTUM

2 TRIAGES

1 LABOR

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 18

8 ANTEPARTUM

4 DELIVERIES

6 INDUCTIONS

8-26-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 6

5 INDUCTIONS

1 TRIAGE

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 19

9 ANTEPARTUM

2 DELIVERIES

2 LABOR

6 INDUCTIONS

8/29/25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 8

2 INDUCTIONS

4 LABOR

2 TRIAGES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 14

6 ANTEPARTUM

4 INDUCTIONS (3 ON HOLD)

2 LABOR

2 DELIVERIES

9-5-25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 9

5 INDUCTIONS

1 LABOR

1 DELIVERY

2 TRIAGES

SAMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 17

6 ANTEPARTUM

6 DELIVERIES

4 INDUCTIONS (1 ON HOLD)

1 LABOR

10/7/25

ABMC: TOTAL PATIENTS 11

1 ANTEPARTUM

3 INDUCTIONS

3 TRIAGES

2 DELIVERIES

2 LABOR

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/09/2025 21:10

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
IND	MUNOZ		
RR Vag	SOROKI		
Labor	MUNOZ		
Labor	SOROKI		
IND	GOMAA		
IND	GOMAA		
Triage	YOCKE'		
Triage	GOMAA		
Triage	GOMAA		
Triage	YOCKE'		

List SAMC OB View
As of 07/09/2025 21:22

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
Ante	KHAN M		
23 hr ob	LAMONI		
	AL-KUN.		
IND	SERUYA		
IND	KHAN M		
IND	KHAN M		
IND	KHAN M		
IND	KHAN M		
IND	KHAN M		
Labor	CHUI DC		
IND	CHUI DC		
IND	CHUI DC		

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/10/2025 15:33

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
IND	KOZIOL		
IND	GOMAA		
Labor	MUNOZ		
RR Vag	SOROKI		
IND	GOMAA		
Triage	JOHNSC		
PP C/S	MUNOZ		
Triage	JOHNSC		

List SAMC OB View
As of 07/10/2025 15:33

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
Ante	COLL M		
Ante	KHAN M		
23 hr ob	LAMONI		
Ante	HARVEY		
Labor	HARVEY		
Labor	HARVEY		
IND	KHAN M		
Labor	KRYUKC		
IND	SERUYA		
IND	KHAN M		
IND	HARVEY		
OR	HARVEY		
Labor	HARVEY		
Pre-op	AL-KUN.		

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/12/2025 17:4

Status	OB
IND	MUNOZ
IND	MUNOZ
IUFD	KOZIOL
IND	MUNOZ
IND	MUNOZ
PP Vag	MUNOZ
Triage	GOMAA
Triage	MUNOZ
Triage	MUNOZ
Triage	YOCKE

List SAMC OB View
As of 07/12/2025 15:10

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
Ante	KHAN M		
Ante	DELACF		
Ante	RIERMA		
Ante	HARVEY		
Labor	DELACF		
IND	Tagamo		
IND	CHUI DC		
Labor	Tagamo		
Labor	VALLEJ		
IND	KRYUK		

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/13/2025 11

Status	OB	Nurse	C
IND	MUNOZ		
Ante	CALON		
Labor	CALON		
IND	MUNOZ		
Labor	MUNOZ		
Triage	GOMAA		
Triage	MUNOZ		
Triage	MUNOZ		
Triage	MUNOZ		

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/16/2025 16:1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
IND	MUNOZ	
Labor	KOZIOL	
Triage	MUNOZ	
Triage	KOZIOL	

List SAMC
As of 07/16/2025

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
Ante	DELACF	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	GADSOI	
Ante	RIERMA	
Ante	SZELA	
Ante	HARVEY	
Ante	LAMONI	
RR Vag	LAMONI	
IND	GREATE	
OR	BADDOI	
IND	SZELA	
IND	WADYA	
RR Vag	SZELA	
IND	WADYA	
IND	WADYA	
IND	KONER	

List ABMC OB View
As of 07/21/2025 1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
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IND	GOMAA	
Labor	GOMAA	
IND	KOZIOL	
IND	GOMAA	
Triage	GOMAA	
IND	SOROKI	
Triage	GOMAA	
Triage	GOMAA	
Triage	GOMAA	

Triage	GOMAA	
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List ABMC OB View
As of 08/13/2025 12

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
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IND	KOZIOL	
IND	KOZIOL	
IND	GOMAA	
IND	MUNOZ	
23 hr ob	CALON	
Triage	MUNOZ	
UFD	SOROKI	

Triage	KOZIOL	
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List SAMC OB View
As of 08/13/2025 12 1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse	G
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Ante	LAMONI		
Ante	KHAN MLT		
Ante	Tagamo		
Ante	GADSOILT		
Ante	AKBAR		
Ante	LAMONI		
Ante	DELACFLT		
	KHAN M		

IND	LAMONI	
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RR Vag	GOMAA	
IND	WADYA	
IND	KHAN M	
IND	LAMONI	
Pre-op	KHAN M	
	KHAN M	
IND	WADYA	
RR C/S	GRIGGS	

List ABMC OB View
As of 08/29/2025 1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
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Labor	SOROKI	
IND	SOROKI	
Labor	KOZIOL	
Labor	KOZIOL	
Labor	SOROKI	
IND	JOHNSC	
Triage	SOROKI	
NST	GOMAA	

List SAMC OB View
As of 08/29/2025

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
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Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	GADSOI	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	CHUI DC	
Ante	DELACF	
Ante	MLYNAF	

RR Vag	WADYA	
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IND	KRYUKC	
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IND	WADYA	
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Labor	LAMONI	
RR Vag	WADYA	
IND	ORHAN	
RR C/S	LAMONI	
RR C/S	KONERI	

List ABMC OB V
As of 08/26/2025

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
IND	SOROKI	
IND	GOMAA	
IND	CALON.	
IND	SOROKI	
IND	SOROKI	
Triage	CALON.	

List SAMC OB V
As of 08/26/2025 16

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	DELACF	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	GADSOI	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	DELACF	
Ante	MLYNAF	
Ante	LAMONI	
Pre-op	KRYUK	
IND	LAMONI	
IND	BADDOI	
IND	LAMONI	
IND	DELACF	
Labor	DELACF	
IND	LAMONI	
IND	LAMONI	
Labor	LAMONI	
RR Vag	DELACF	

List ABMC OB V
As of 09/05/2025

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
IND	STONE-	
IND	JOHNSC	
Labor	KOZIOL	
IND	GOMAA	
IND	YOCKE'	
RR Vag	GOMAA	
IND	STONE-	
Triage	STONE-	
Triage	GOMAA	

List SAMC OB V
As of 09/05/2025 1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
PP Vag	LAMONI	
Ante	LAMONI	
Ante	GADSOI	
Ante	FITZPAT	
Ante	CHUI DC	
23 hr ob	KHAN M	
Ante	MLYNAF	
RR Vag	ORHAN	
RR Vag	KHAN M	
IND	LAMONI	
IND	KHAN M	
RR Vag	KHAN M	
Labor	ORHAN	
RR Vag	KHAN M	
IND	BADDOI	
IND	LAMONI	
RR C/S	LAMONI	

List ABMC OB V
As of 10/07/2025 1

Status	OB	OC ProviNurse
Ante	YOCKE'	
RR Vag	KOZIOL	
IND	GOMAA	
Labor	WINKEL	
IND	MUNOZ	
IND	STONE-	
Labor	MUNOZ	
Triage	STONE-	
PP Vag	STONE-	
Triage	JOHNSC	
Other	STONE-	