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**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2012 7:43 AM  
**To:** Avery, Courtney  
**Cc:** Constantino, Mike; Anthony J Perry; Janet Scheuerman  
**Subject:** Notification of Opening of 13 Hospice Beds at Rush University Medical Center  
**Attachments:** Hospice Beds at RUMC Operational 7-8-12 Letter.pdf

Good morning, Courtney and Mike! Please see the attached letter which provides notification of the opening of a 13-bed hospice unit at Rush, as planned. I will also mail the original signed letter to Courtney and a copy to Mike.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
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Re: Notification of the Opening of 13 Hospice Beds  
Rush University Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

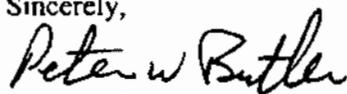
Permit # 12-011 approved by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board on April 17, 2012, included a description of how 13 authorized medical surgical beds would be dedicated to an inpatient hospice program.

Rush University Medical Center is contracting with Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care to lease and operate these beds. As noted in the SAR, page 7, the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services requires that hospice beds be housed in long-term care or medical surgical beds.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Health Facilities and Services and Review Board that Horizon admitted the first hospice patient on Monday, July 8, 2012. A final onsite inspection by the Illinois Department of Public Health is expected to occur the week of July 16, 2012.

We appreciate the Health Facilities and Service Review Board's favorable action on this new initiative at Rush.

Sincerely,

  
Peter W. Butler

Cc: Anthony Perry, MD  
Mike Constantino, Supervisor of Project Review  
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