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January 10, 2013

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Letter of Opposition
Vista Lindenhurst Medical Center
Cardiac Catheterization**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

This letter is provided in response to Lindenhurst Illinois Hospital Company, LLC and Community Health Systems, Inc.'s invitation to comment on the impact of a new Cardiac Catheterization category of service at their proposed hospital in Lindenhurst.

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital believes the addition of this service will have a negative impact on the cardiac catheterization services at our hospital and the other providers in Lake County.

According to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.620 part c, "no additional cardiac catheterization service shall be started unless each facility in the planning area offering cardiac catheterization services operates at a level of 400 procedures annually." In CY11, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital performed 349 cardiac catheterization procedures. This number would decrease with the addition of the proposed new service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Orth'.

Bridget S. Orth
Regulatory Facility Planning
Northwestern Memorial HealthCare