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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project #13-046, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital, Murphysboro

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the co-applicants for this project, I am hereby requesting an expedited review for Project #13-046, which proposes to classify St. Joseph Memorial Hospital's 25 acute care beds under the Medicare program to serve as Extended Care beds. The sole purpose of the project is to certify all of the hospital's existing authorized beds for the Extended Care Category of Service.

The co-applicants for this project are Southern Illinois Hospital Services d/b/a St. Joseph Memorial Hospital and Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, Inc.

The co-applicants would appreciate it if this project could be scheduled to be heard at the September 24, 2013, meeting of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board in order to permit the hospital to proceed expeditiously to secure the necessary approvals from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will permit St. Joseph Memorial Hospital to begin operation of its swing bed program in a timely fashion.

Approval by CMS will not occur until after the CON permit is approved, and it will be based upon receiving a recommendation from IDPH.

Please feel free to contact either Philip L. Schaefer, Vice President of Ambulatory and Physician Services at Southern Illinois Healthcare (618-457-5200 Extension 67961 or phil.schaefer@sih.net) or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea R. Rozran", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea R. Rozran
Principal

cc: Michael Constantino
Philip L. Schaefer, FACHE