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Jack Axel
Axel & Associates, Inc.
675 North Court, Suite 210
Palatine, Illinois 60067

Re: Request for Information
Project #20-008-NorthShore Skokie Hospital

Mr. Axel:

We are requesting the following information in order to evaluate your application for permit.

1. This hospital is not licensed as a “specialty hospital” it is considered an acute care hospital by the State of Illinois and that is how it will be presented to the State Board.
2. Please provide a rendering of the proposed building to include in the State Board Staff Report. The Application does not include where these new operating rooms are going to be located, are they separate from the hospital? is this a new building adjacent to the hospital? Is there any shell space being proposed as part of this project?
3. Please provide a **readable schematic**, a **stacking diagram** and a **space plan** of the proposed project.
4. Are the 7 procedure rooms going to be maintained at Skokie Hospital or converted to surgery rooms?
5. Page 40: under the purpose of the project we need to know the geographical area to be served, which needs to include the radius from Skokie hospital and the zip codes and the population. See map that is attached. It appears that the geographical service area is approximately 25 miles in all direction.
6. Page 40: We need an explanation of why this consolidation of surgical cases at Skokie Hospital is more efficient. What are the cost savings?
7. Page 40: Please explain how the proposed project is a duplication of service when the project is adding surgical capacity to the HSA VII Service Area?
8. Please explain how the proposed consolidation of these surgeries improve access for the patients.

9. Page 41: Alternatives to the Proposed Project: This section needs to include a discussion of why the hospital is not establishing an ASTC.
10. Page 45: We need to know the number of historical cases and hours of the orthopedic and spine surgeries that were performed at the four hospitals that will be referring cases to Skokie Hospital for the period 2014-2018 (5-Year timeframe). The cases and hours need to include both inpatient and outpatient.
11. Page 45: Please explain how the percentages were determined of the hours to be moved from the four hospitals to Skokie Hospital?
12. Please provide a list of surgical specialties that will remain at the five hospitals should this project be approved. The list needs to be by hospital.
13. Responses must be received no later than March 9, 2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 217-782-3516.

Sincerely,



Mike Constantino