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Attention: Karen Senger
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Re: Certificate of Exemption Application E002-17

Dear Ms. Senger:

Per our conversation about the above referenced exemption application requesting approval to close our 34 bed skilled nursing unit ("SNF beds") I am following up with the below information.

We do not have a specific date for closure of the unit, as it will depend of course on the date of COE approval. At this point, we are working with our staff and other area facilities to minimize our number of admissions. We want to perfect the transition process for discharging our acute inpatients that require the subacute long term care services our SNF beds currently provide to other area facilities that provide this level of care. There are 6 facilities within a 10 mile radius of Galesburg we can work with that have expressed a willingness and have capacity to accept our patients who need subacute skilled care. However the unit remains open and will be open and treating patients until the COE is approved. When that occurs we will cease admitting patients to our SNF beds absent an unforeseen issue, and will from that point forward transfer our acute inpatients to other facilities, as mentioned. We will care for the patients already in the SNF beds until they are ready for discharge. We anticipate this all would occur within 30 days or less after COE approval, and we will definitely notify you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board when our last patient is discharged and the unit is officially closed.

We plan to use the unit space to offer more single bed occupancy rooms for our medical surgical patients. We are not adding medical surgical beds. Rather, we are going to move some of the existing medical surgical beds in double occupancy rooms to the vacated SNF bed rooms in order to increase our compliment of single bed occupancy rooms for medical surgical patients. We will not have to do any work to the SNF bed rooms, other than possibly minor aesthetic work, in order to accomplish this.

Lastly, we have spoken with CMS as you advised.

Thank you for your assistance, and if you have any further questions/concerns please call me.

Sincerely,

Pam Davis

Pamela Davis, RN, MSN
cc: Mike Constantino, Henry Kowalenko, Paul Corpstein