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Illinois Department of Public Health
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Jodi Hoskins
Administrator, Northwest Illinois
Perinatal Center
Mercy Rockford Hospital
2400 North Rockton Avenue
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**Re: Letter of Intent to apply for Level III Neonatal Designation
at SwedishAmerican Hospital**

Dear Ms. Lightner and Ms. Hoskins:

SwedishAmerican Hospital, Rockford, currently is designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Level II with Extended Neonatal Capabilities (Level IIE). On June 7, 2017, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, by action of its Chairwoman, approved SwedishAmerican Hospital's exemption application to establish a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Regionalized Perinatal Health Care Code, please accept this as our letter of intent for change in status from Level IIE to Level III.

We look forward to working with the Department, our affiliated Administrative Perinatal Center and the Perinatal Advisory Committee in connection with the processing of our application for a change in designation which we are currently preparing. Please contact me if I can provide you with any additional information at this time.

Very truly yours,

Ann M. Gantzer, Chief Nursing Officer
SwedishAmerican Health System

cc: Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities and Services
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