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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Springfield, IL 62761

Re: MetroSouth Medical Center, Blue Island:
30-day Status on Temporary Suspension of Cardiac Catheterization Services

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept this status update pursuant to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1130.240(d) following our initial notice of temporary suspension dated August 21, 2019. The cardiac catheterization service at MetroSouth Medical Center, Blue Island ("MetroSouth") remains suspended due to the loss of appropriate staff to operate the service. The Illinois Department of Public Health and the regional emergency medical services system were advised at the time of the suspension.

MetroSouth filed an exemption application on June 11, 2019 to discontinue the entire hospital facility. The exemption application was deemed complete on June 12, 2019 and, under the provisions of the Health Facilities Planning Act and Review Board Regulations under which this application is being processed, the requested exemption "shall be" issued subsequent to the completeness finding. The application was initially scheduled for the August 6, 2019 meeting of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("Review Board"), but was subsequently scheduled for the September 17, 2019 Review Board. The Review Board deferred the application at the September 17th meeting.

Very truly yours,

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