



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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August 19, 2020

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RE: Change of Ownership Health Facilities Planning Act--Part 1130 Exemption.  
Exemption: #E-036-20 – Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center  
Exemption Holder: Northshore University HealthSystem and Northwest Community  
Healthcare

Dear Ms. Friedman:

On August 18, 2020, the Chairman of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (State Board) acting on behalf of the State Board under 77 IAC 1130.520 approved your request for a change of ownership of Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center, 1455 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois. The approval was based upon the application's compliance with applicable provisions of 77 IAC 1130.520. The exemption involves a membership substitution agreement in which NorthShore University HealthSystem will become the sole corporate member of Northwest Community Healthcare and indirectly the controlling member of Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center. The operating entity and licensee will remain Northwest Community Foot and Ankle Center. The expected completion date is December 31, 2020.

You are reminded that a final cost report must be submitted to the State Board no later than 90 days following the anticipated project completion date. When an applicant has submitted key terms of the transaction rather than final transaction documents, an *exemption for a change of ownership* of a health care facility shall be invalid if the exemption holder fails to *submit a statement to the Board within 90 days after the closing date of the transaction, or such longer period as provided by the Board, certifying that the change of ownership has been completed in accordance with the key terms contained in the application. If such key terms of the transaction change, a new application is required.* [20 ILCS 3960/8.5(a)]

Failure to provide the required notification shall subject the exemption holder to the sanctions provided under Section 14 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The State Board's approval does not exempt the transaction from any other regulatory, certification or licensure requirements that may be applicable to this transaction.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Constantino or George Roate of my staff at [Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov](mailto:Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov) or [George.Roate@illinois.gov](mailto:George.Roate@illinois.gov) or 217.782.3516

Sincerely,

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board