

January 11, 2018

VIA FEDEX

Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: E-041-17; Vista West Medical Center Discontinuation of Category of Service

Dear Ms. Avery:

This will confirm the permanent closure of Vista West Medical Center's (Vista West) rehabilitation unit, per the Chair's approval of the above referenced certificate of exemption (COE) application will take place on 02/28/2018 when it is anticipated the CMS provider associated with the distinct part unit will be surrendered. As stated in the COE application, although the services of the unit had been temporarily discontinued (and the beds were removed from the inventory when the COE was approved), the permanent discontinuation would not occur until (1) after COE approval; (2) after the certificate of need (CON) application filed by Lake Behavioral Health to establish a psychiatric facility on the Vista West campus was approved; and (3) immediately prior to the change of ownership of Vista West. The first two triggers have occurred and the change of ownership is anticipated to occur on 02/28/2018. As you know the Lake Behavioral Health CON was approved on January 9, 2018.

As always, thank you and should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Clare E. Connor

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