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Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
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Re: Lindenhurst FEC

Dear Mike,

Enclosed, please find two original response letters from Advocate Condell Medical Center and Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital regarding Vista's intent to establish a FEC at the Vista Lindenhurst Campus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Martin
President & CEO
847-360-4000



Send to Anne.

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Ms. Barbara Martin
President & Chief Executive Officer
CHS Vista Health System
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Dear Ms. Martin:

I am writing in response to your letter received March 11, 2010, requesting information related to your intended filing of a Certificate of Need application to develop a Freestanding Emergency Center ("FEC") on Vista's Lindenhurst campus.

1. Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital has not experienced an average annual vacancy rate in excess of 10% for budgeted clinical FTEs.
2. The Emergency Department on at the Lake Forest campus has 17 treatment stations. The Grayslake Freestanding Emergency Center has 14 treatment stations.
3. The below table summarizes the number of patients treated in our Emergency Departments/Centers at the Lake Forest and Grayslake campuses over the past two years.

	2008	2009
Lake Forest ED	33,690	32,509
Grayslake FEC	0	7,674
TOTAL	33,690	40,183

4. The proposed project would have a significant, detrimental impact on utilization at our Grayslake Freestanding Emergency Center located just 5.75 miles to the southeast and less than 15 minutes¹ from your proposed site.

¹ Source: Mapquest

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By way of background on November 8, 2008, the Planning Board granted our organization a permit to convert our acute care center located on our Grayslake campus in to a Freestanding Emergency Center. Designation of our center as an FEC was required in order for us to be able to accept ambulances at the site and meet the need for emergency services in the region. We obtained State licensure last fall and began operating the FEC on October 11, 2009.

Annualizing the most recent three months of patient volumes, we expect the Grayslake FEC to experience 27,132 patient visits in the first full year of operation, which is below the State standard of 2,000 treatments per station. Opening of another FEC less than fifteen minutes from our new facility would further suppress patient volumes below thresholds established by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damon N. Havill", written over a horizontal line.

Damon N. Havill
Director, Planning and Business Development

cc: Mike Constantino, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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Comments: Vista Health System Freestanding Emergency Center, Lindenhurst

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March 25, 2010

Ms. Barbara Martin
President & CEO
Vista Health System
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RE: Vista Health System
Freestanding Emergency Center, Lindenhurst

Dear Ms. Martin:

This is in response to your letter received on March 10, 2010 regarding Vista Health System's proposed Freestanding Emergency Center in Lindenhurst.

Advocate Condell Medical Center recently completed a major expansion of its Emergency Department's which now has 32 treatment stations. Our Emergency Department served 55,209 patients in 2009. Based upon the Review Board's standard of 2,000 visits per station and our 32 stations, our utilization for 2009 was only 86%.

Given Advocate Condell Medical Center's proximity to the location of your proposed freestanding emergency center, there will be a negative impact to our existing program. However, without knowing the details of your proposed project, we cannot yet quantify that impact. If you would provide us with more information about the scope of your proposed project such as the number of treatment bays, your expected catchment area, and your anticipated utilization, we could provide a more detailed analysis of the impact this proposed project would have on our existing services.

Sincerely,


Kathy Lapacek
Vice President, Business Development
Advocate Condell Medical Center
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cc: Mr. Dale Galassie, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Ms. Elyse Forkosh Cutler