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Attention IDPH

Concerning closure of Oak Forest
Hospital inpatient services

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TO: IDPH

This letter is concerning the proposed closing of inpatient services at Oak Forest Hospital located @ 15900 S. Cicero in Oak Forest, Ill. It is the only County Hospital in the south suburbs, and the people of this area should not be punished due to County's mismanagement. This facility has always treated any patient, regardless of ability to pay. Closing inpatient services will lead to patients being sent to Stroger Hospital. It will also cause hardship on patients & their families, as many have limited transportation or must rely on public transportation that they cannot afford. This hospital needs more services, not less. They also want to close the ER and open an urgent care with limited hours. This will impact the surrounding hospitals by leading to more patients going to their ER. Please don't let them close OFH!!!

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