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Mike, South Suburban's response to your question is attached.

As you will see from the footnote, the information about the oversight services appeared in several sections of the application. We tried to summarize the most important aspects of the oversight services in this response.

If there is any other information that would be helpful as you review the South Suburban pediatric category of service application, please let us know. Janet

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Advocate South Suburban Hospital (South Suburban) and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital (Hope) are both owned and operated by Advocate Health Care. Both hospitals are located in Planning Area A-04.

South Suburban is a 284-bed community hospital located in Hazel Crest, Illinois. The Hospital currently provides a wide range of pediatric services but does not have authorized pediatric inpatient beds. Service specialty offerings include: CV, oncology, women's, surgical, orthopedics, and an ancillary platform.

Hope Children's Hospital is located on the campus and is part of Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. Hope is the largest children's hospital located in Chicago's south and southwest suburbs. Hope has not only general pediatricians but pediatric specialists representing more than 30 subspecialties.

South Suburban Hospital is partnering with Hope in order to offer a unique community pediatric service. Hope's leadership will provide clinical oversight to assure quality pediatric care at the modestly sized unit at South Suburban and will participate in the training and staffing of the proposed South Suburban pediatric unit.

Hope is nationally recognized for its high standards of care. Recently Hope was nominated and received the very coveted Fire Starter Award from the Quint Studer Group. This award is given to organizations that demonstrate outcomes excellence. Hope is also recognized as a Pediatric Critical Care Center by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Emergency Medical Services for Children. This program recognizes hospitals that have the highest level of specialized critical care and emergency care services to meet the unique needs of children.

As part of the oversight role, Hope will initiate the same extensive performance improvement process at South Suburban that is used at Hope. Pediatric patients at South Suburban will benefit from Hope's years of experience as well as their thoroughly tested and well-respected model of care, their protocols, policies and

procedures, and their quality monitoring systems. Further, Hope's experience will also reduce start-up cost and time.

As part of the staffing collaboration, South Suburban's pediatrics nurses will be trained by experienced Hope nursing staff—both at Hope and at South Suburban. The training will include developmental milestones and understanding the needs of children along the age continuum as well as competence in designated clinical and technical skills. Nurses assigned to the pediatric unit at South Suburban will also participate in ongoing in-service education provided by the Hope staff to assure that they are aware of and proficient in advances in pediatric care.

The model at South/Suburban will be 24/7 pediatric house staff. In addition, Hope physicians, in conjunction with South Suburban, will establish subspecialty clinics on the South Suburban campus so that local pediatric patients do not have to travel for their care.

These partnering initiatives will be ramped up during the modernization of the proposed pediatric unit so that as soon as the facility is ready for occupancy, the benefits will be fully realized. The relationship will assure the Hazel Crest community that Advocate South Suburban Hospital will provide high quality pediatric care from opening day. The collaborative relationship including oversight over quality of care will continue after the proposed new unit opens.

This unique collaborative model of pediatric care is not available at other community hospitals. By virtue of the relationship with Hope, a well-developed program of quality pediatric care will be provided in a patient/family-friendly setting close to the patient's home from the day the new pediatric service opens.

Note: This information was extracted from pages 7, 83, 89, 90, 91, 100, 101, 102, 132,136 and 137 of the application.