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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
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Springfield, IL 62761

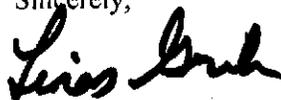
Re: **Request for Administrative Hearing**
Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center (Project No. 10-089)

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of my client, Mercy Crystal Lake Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. and Mercy Alliance, Inc. (collectively, "Mercy" or the "Applicant"), and pursuant to Section 10 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960/10) and Section 77 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1130, Mercy respectfully requests an opportunity for an administrative hearing before a hearing officer in connection with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's ("IHFSRB") denial of Mercy's application for permit on December 7, 2011. This request is being made within 30 days of Mercy's receipt of the Notice of an Opportunity for an Administrative Hearing dated December 13, 2011, which was received by Mercy on or about December 15, 2011.

Mercy will be represented in this hearing by myself (telephone: 312.984.7745; email: lgrikis@mwe.com) and Steven H. Hoeft (telephone: 312.984.7737; email: shoeft@mwe.com), McDermott Will and Emery LLP, 227 West Monroe Street, Suite 4400, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Please provide me and Mr. Hoeft with notice of the appointment of the hearing officer and hearing date.

Sincerely,



Linus Grikis

cc: Dale Galassie, Chairman of IHFSRB
Frank Urso, General Counsel of IHFSRB
Richard Gruber
Steven Hoeft

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