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Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 2012 which confirms that the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago is meeting the minimum requirements to operate a Standby Emergency Treatment Service. Below is RIC's further explanation as to how subsections (k)(l), (k)(4) and (k)(10) of Section 250.2440(k) of the Hospital Licensing Requirement Code will be met at the new Research Hospital. Specifically,

Entrance at Grade Level, sheltered from the weather with provision for ambulance and pedestrian access:

The proposed design includes both a covered pedestrian entrance and a covered ambulance entry at grade level. Both entrances are monitored by security personnel twenty-four (24) hours a day. Elevators equipped with destination dispatch controls are available to transport patients directly, without intermediate stops from grade level to the designated treatment area on Level 14.

Treatment Area.

The designated treatment area is Patient Prep/Recovery Area, which is to be assigned as room # 14-919; this room is within the Imaging and Procedure department. The room contains multiple curtained patient bays available and equipped to allow for patient treatment. Each patient bay is equipped with cardiac monitoring capability and medical suction outlets. Furthermore, aseptically operated sinks, general storage cabinets and work counters are included in the designated treatment area. Medication is stored in Room #14-917 immediately adjacent to the treatment area; emergency equipment is contained in a crash cart that is stored immediately adjacent to the treatment area in a corridor alcove of a close-by room #14-912; x-ray film illumination is available immediately adjacent to the treatment area in room #14-937.

Additionally a PACS reading station is available nearby in room 14-967. Thus, all requirements are met either in the treatment space or adjacent areas.

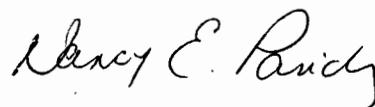
Toilet facilities convenient to the treatment area shall be provided

There is a patient toilet room located at #14-923 which is immediately adjacent and convenient to the treatment area, including room #14-919.

Although we have not finalized the signage at this point, the expectation is that it will be similar to existing signage. As we indicated in our letter of November 12, 2012, RIC does not have any signage to indicate it has an emergency room or treats emergent situations—either on its building, in its directory or on its website. RIC's signage indicates only that it is a rehabilitation facility. If something is required different from this approach, please let us know.

We look forward to final confirmation regarding this issue so that there are no further concerns with the pending Health Facilities Service Review Board Meeting set for February 5, 2013. Thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



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