



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

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April 4, 2013

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Clare C. Ranalli  
Partner  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
227 W. Monroe Street, Suite 4700  
Chicago, IL 60606

**Re: Intent to Deny**  
**PROJECT NUMBER: 12-081**  
**FACILITY NAME: Vista Medical Center - Lindenhurst**  
**APPLICANTS: Lindenhurst Illinois Hospital Company, LLC, Community Health Systems, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Ranalli:

On March 27, 2013, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("IHFSRB") issued an Intent-to-Deny for the above referenced application for permit. Section 1130 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act provides you an opportunity for a hearing before the State Board to appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal the State Board's action you must adhere to the requirements of 77 IAC 1130.670 (b), (c), and (d), effective September 1, 2006 as follows:

b) The applicant shall notify IHFSRB in writing and within 14 calendar days after issuance of the Notice of Intent-to-Deny, whether it intends to: 1) appear before the State Board; and/or 2) submit supplemental information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that the IHFSRB is in receipt of the response within the 14 day prescribed time frame.

c) 1 If the applicant waives the right to appear before IHFSRB or if a written response is not received within 14 calendar days after issuance of an Intent to Deny, then the application shall be considered withdrawn.

c) 2 If the applicant indicates that no supplemental information will be submitted, the IHFSRB shall take action on the application at its next meeting.

c) 3 If the applicant indicates that additional documentation shall be submitted, the applicant shall be afforded a period of 30 days from the issuance of the Notice of Intent-to-Deny to submit the material. Upon receipt of the supplemental information, IDPH shall commence a review and submit its findings to IHFSRB in accordance with the provisions of this Subpart. IDPH shall be allowed up to 60 days following the receipt of all material to review the material and issue a supplemental report.

Intent to Deny Letter

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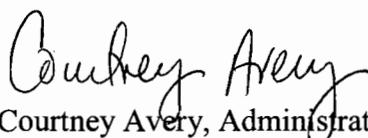
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c) 4 Written comments submitted to IDPH from persons other than the applicant regarding a proposed project that has received Intent to Deny are ex parte and prohibited and shall not be considered. This provision does not apply to public hearing testimony or comments that are received pursuant to a provision in Subpart I (Public Hearing and Comment Procedures) or to comments or testimony that has been submitted in response to requests by IHFSRB for information to assist in consideration of the application subsequent to the Intent to Deny.

d) A project that has received a Notice of Intent-to-Deny and has been scheduled for IHFSRB consideration can be deferred by the applicant. A notice of deferral may be provided in writing prior to the scheduled IHFSRB meeting or be provided verbally at the IHFSRB meeting. An applicant may not defer IHFSRB consideration beyond an IHFSRB meeting date that is more than six months from the date the applicant received an intent-to-deny.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Constantino or George Roate at (217) 782-3516 (TDD # 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only).

Sincerely,



Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

cc: Dale Galassie, Chairman