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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Response to Board Staff Report
Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst
Project #12-081**

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is provided in response to the Board Staff Report for Vista Medical Center Lindenhurst Project #12-081. Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital (NLFH) was not included in Table Ten: Facilities within 30 minutes of the proposed site for Cardiac Catheterization on page 26 of the Board's Staff Report. This is likely due to the fact that the applicant did not include NLFH's cardiac catheterization data in their CON application.

In CY11, NLFH performed 349 cardiac catheterization procedures which is under the level of annual procedures needed to approve an additional cardiac catheterization service according to the HFSRB's rules. According to 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.620 part c, "no additional cardiac catheterization service shall be started unless each facility in the planning area offering cardiac catheterization services operates at a level of 400 procedures annually."

As stated in NLFH's letter dated January 10, 2013 to Dale Galassie, NLFH believes the addition of this service will have a negative impact on the cardiac catheterization services at our hospital and the other providers in Lake County.

We believe that had NLFH's cardiac catheterization volume been included in Table Ten of the Board Staff Report, the applicant would not have been found to be in conformance with review criteria 77 IAC 1110.1330(b).

Sincerely,



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Regulatory Facility Planning