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Please see the attached response. Thank you.

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Mr. Michael Constantino
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Re: Project 12-089 Riverside Medical Center North Campus at Frankfort

**Applicant's Reply to the Safety Net Impact Statement
Response of Advocate South Suburban**

Dear Mr. Constantino:

On behalf of the applicant Riverside Medical Center, I am submitting this letter in reply to the Safety Net Impact Statement Response filed by Advocate South Suburban Hospital. Section 5.4(g) of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act provides applicants with the opportunity to submit a reply to any Safety Net Impact Statement Response. 20 ILCS 3960/5.4(g).

Riverside's proposal is to establish a free-standing emergency center ("FEC") with medical offices and diagnostic services at Route 45 and Steger Road near Frankfort that will serve southern Will County and northern Kankakee County. Riverside is a regional health system based in Kankakee, Illinois.

Riverside operates outpatient centers within the area to be served by the proposed FEC including one urgent care center in Monee that is located in southern Will County. Riverside also has outpatient centers in Peotone, Wilmington and Monee, all in southern Will County, as well as in Manteno and Bourbonnais in northern Kankakee County. While the Frankfort area itself would be considered "suburban", approximately 60% of the proposed service area consists of rural areas.

Riverside is the primary safety net provider in Kankakee County and also provides significant safety net services in southern Will County. The areas we serve in both counties include many rural communities. Over the past decades, Riverside has developed rural health clinics, primary care clinics, ambulatory care campuses, and outreach ambulance services

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throughout our service area. Riverside is also the largest provider of mental health services in Kankakee County and operates a 50-bed acute mental illness service at its hospital in Kankakee.

As addressed in our permit application, Riverside's proposed FEC will add to and strengthen safety net services in southern Will and northern Kankakee Counties. It will increase access to health care by reducing distance and drive times for the service area residents to both emergency care and primary care physician services. The project's location will reduce residents' travel time by 40% to 50% for emergency services

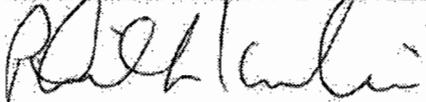
The State Agency Report on our project identified seven facilities with emergency services that are within 30-minutes travel time of the proposed project. Only one of those seven facilities submitted a Safety Net Impact Statement Response, namely, Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation d/b/a/ Advocate South Suburban Hospital. Advocate's facility is located in Hazel Crest over 25 minutes away from the proposed site.

Riverside Medical Center is strongly committed to maintaining and enhancing safety net services in the communities it serves with the limited resources it has, and compares favorably to other providers. The 2011 Annual Hospital Questionnaires show Riverside's Medicaid inpatients constituted 21.6% of its volume compared to 11.9% at Advocate South Suburban. Conversely, private insurance accounted for 26.1% of Riverside's inpatient volume compared to 40.7% at Advocate South Suburban. Advocate does not provide acute mental illness services at its facility in Hazel Crest. As noted above, Riverside operates a 50-bed acute mental illness service in Kankakee.

I respectfully request the Review Board be advised of Riverside's reply to Advocate's submission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER



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