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July 5, 2013

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

13-039

Re: Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms Avery;

Swedish Covenant Surgery Center, LLC d/b/a the Center for Ambulatory Surgery at Swedish Covenant (the Surgery Center) is not performing up to the financial expectations that Swedish Covenant Hospital (the Hospital) had when developing this for-profit joint venture, even though case volume is expected to meet and exceed initial projections.

In order for the Surgery Center to become financially viable in the future and continue to support the Hospital's goals to provide the community with a conveniently accessible, high quality, and safe outpatient surgical environment, Swedish Covenant Hospital believes the best course of action is to become the sole shareholder of the Surgery Center, change its ownership to Swedish Covenant Hospital, and operate the Surgery Center as a Hospital Outpatient Department (HOPD) of Swedish Covenant Hospital.

In order to continue to viably operate this facility, SCH must act with some urgency to complete this transaction in a timely manner. Therefore, we are requesting an expedited review of this application to be heard at the September 24th, 2013 Health Facilities and Services Review Board meeting.

Your consideration of this request is much appreciated. If you or your staff have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email [mnewton@swedishcovenant.org](mailto:mnewton@swedishcovenant.org) or by phone at 773-907-1000.

Sincerely,

Mark Newton  
President and CEO, Swedish Covenant Hospital  
President, Swedish Covenant Surgery Center, LLC

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