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George Roate
Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Health facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62762

Re: Riverside Medical Center Discontinuation of Pediatric Beds

Dear Mr. Roate:

In response to our recent telephone conversation I am including Attachment Safety Net Impact Statement, and requesting a project completion date of March 31, 2014. I hope this meets your needs. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 217-725-4558 or email me at MICBBALL@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Michael I. Copelin
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Safety Net Impact Statement

The proposed project will not have any impact upon the facility's ability to act as a safety net hospital because the pediatric patients will continue to be cared for in the Medical Surgical beds operated by the applicant. The current pediatric beds will be discontinued and medical surgical beds will be relocated to the space now occupied by the pediatrics unit, with the patients continuing to be treated by staff trained to care for both pediatric and adult patients. No patient will be relocated nor will any patient be turned away due to the age of the patient.