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April 9, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

Pursuant to your certified letter, received 4/4/14, we are responding regarding the potential impact on Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago of closing Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital. Lurie Children's operates a 12 bed unit that treats both children and adolescents (up to 18th birthday). We do not have specific treatment programs for substance abuse or eating disorders. Due to our unit size and combined age group we are unable to accept patients who are actively involved in the juvenile justice system or who are sexual offenders. We are unable to treat pregnant patients since we do not have OB services. Lastly, we do not use mechanical restraints and would be unable to care for a patient who requires them. Therefore, we would be able to care for only a segment of the patient population that Maryville Behavioral Health currently serves.

Sincerely,

Susan Routburg, MHSA, MPH
Administrator
Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

CC: Patrick Magoon,
Mina Dulcan, MD
Michelle Stephensen

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