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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator

Illinois Healthcare Facilities Review Board

525 W. Jefferson St. 2nd Floor

Springfield IL. 62761

November 26, 2015

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am the Administrator of Florence Nursing Home, located at 546 East Grant Highway Marengo IL 60152, which is a 4 star rated long term care facility located 22 miles and 30 minutes from the proposed new facility Centegra Hospital in McHenry IL. The application states the facility will offer focused rehabilitative care and notes it expects 2,490 patients with an average LOS of 13 days based on projected 32,192 patient days. This is consistent with a rehabilitation focused LTC facility.

Centegra, just 30 minutes away as mentioned, offers exactly this type of care, and only this type of care. The proposed project is duplicative, unnecessary and will devastate Florence Nursing Home. Currently we are at 80% utilization, well under your target. This industry, due to focus on home care (mandated by the state and payers including ACO's) is losing volume. The increase patient population growth cited in the application will be offset will be offset by the trend to home care and reduced stays. Despite the stated need for LTC beds (which presumably is the more traditional type of long term care beds) there is absolutely no need for this project today in this location. One facility which was approved recently Alden Huntley, is not even operating at this time.

Many of the patients we see are referred by the McHenry hospitals and physicians. It is clear based on their referral letters this project will negatively impact us.

Thank You,

Kathi Miller

Administrator

Florence Nursing Home