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February 17, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL

Letitia Close, Exec. Dir.
Cook County Hlth & Hosp. Sys.
1900 West Polk Street
Chicago, Illinois 60618

RE:	**Discontinuation of a Category of Service Exemption**
Exemption:	E-001-16, Provident Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
Exemption Holder:	Cook County Health and Hospital System

Dear Ms. Close.:

On February 16, 2016, the Chairwoman of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (State Board) approved your request for a Change of Ownership. This approval was based upon the application's compliance with applicable provisions of P.A. 99-0154. The exemption is for the discontinuation of the obstetric category of service. There is no cost to this transaction.

Please be advised that the Exemption is not transferable or assignable and that the State Board's approval does not exempt the transaction from any other regulatory, certification or licensure requirements that may be applicable prior to this acquisition. PA 99-0154 requires that the hospital notify the State Senator and State Representative representing the legislative district in which the hospital resides within thirty (30) days of the approval date of this discontinuation.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Mike Constantino or George Roate of my staff at Mike.Constantino@illinois.gov or George.Roate@illinois.gov or 217.782.3516.

Sincerely,

Kathy Olson

Kathy Olson, Board Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board