



STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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November 7, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Lynn Gordon, Esq.
Ungaretti & Harris, LLP
70 W. Madison, Suite 3500
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: **Exemption Approval**
EXEMPTION NUMBER: E-003-12
FACILITY NAME: Mercer County Hospital
APPLICANTS: GMCM, Genesis Health System

Dear Mr. Gordon:

On October 30, 2012, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("State Board") approved your request for a change of ownership for the referenced project based upon the project's substantial conformance with the applicable standards and criteria of 77 Ill Adm. Code 1130.520. In arriving at a decision, the State Board considered the findings contained in the State Agency Report, the application material, public hearing testimony and documents, any testimony made before the State Board, and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960).

- **EXEMPTION: #E-003-12 – Mercer County Hospital** – The exemption holders are approved for a change of ownership of a 22 bed acute care hospital located at 409 NW Ninth Avenue, Aledo, Illinois.
- **EXEMPTION HOLDERS:** GMCM, 409 NW Ninth Street, Aledo, Illinois and Genesis Health System, 801 Illini Drive, Silvis, Illinois
- **EXEMPTION AMOUNT:** \$0
- **EXEMPTION COMPLETION DATE:** June 1, 2013

You are reminded that this exemption is valid for only 12 months from the date of approval and is not transferable or assignable. This exemption must be completed within the 12 month period. To demonstrate completion of this transaction the exemption holder must provide the State Board with the date that the ownership change occurred and also provide a copy of the license or certification issued pursuant to the change of ownership. Failure to provide the required notification shall subject the exemption holder to the sanctions provided under Section 14 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The exemption holder is also reminded that 77 Il. Adm. Code 1130.140 defines transactions that constitute a change of ownership of a health care facility. You should become familiar with those definitions.

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The State Board's approval does not exempt the project or permit holder from licensing and certification requirements, including approval of applicable architectural plans and specifications prior to construction. **Please note: the Illinois Department of Public Health will not license the proposed facility until such time as all of the permit requirements have been completed.**

Should you have any questions regarding the permit requirements, please contact Mike Constantino at 217-782-3516.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Courtney R. Avery".

Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

cc: Dale Galassie, Chairman