STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
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August 26, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jacob M. Axel, President
Axel & Associates, Inc.
675 North Court
Palatine, IL 60067

Re: Exemption Approval
EXEMPTION NUMBER: E-003-15
FACILITY NAME: Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Illinois
APPLICANTS: Protestant Memorial Medical Center - Memorial Group, Inc. - Memorial Regional Health Services, Inc. - BJC Healthcare

Dear Mr. Axel:

On August 25, 2015, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board/Chairwoman approved the exemption application for the referenced project based upon the project's substantial conformance with the applicable standards and criteria of 77 Ill Adm. Code 1130. In arriving at a decision, the State Board considered the findings contained in the State Board Staff Report, the exemption application material, public hearing testimony and documents, any testimony made before the State Board, and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act (20 ILCS 3960).

The operating entity licensee is Protestant Memorial Medical Center and the owner of the site is Protestant Memorial Medical Center. The exemption change of ownership involves a purchase resulting in the issuance of a license to an entity different from the current licensee. The acquisition price/fair market value is $213,506,859.

You are reminded that the issuance of the certificate of exemption is contingent upon the submittal of a statement to the State Board **within 90 days** of the closing date of the transaction that certifies the change of ownership has been completed in accordance with the key terms contained in the application. If the key terms of the transaction change, a new application must be filed. In addition 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 this notification shall subject the exemption holder to the sanctions provided under Section 14 of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act.

The State Board's approval does not exempt the transaction from any other regulatory, certification or licensure requirements that may be applicable prior to acquisition. The exemption will be invalid should the facility for which the change of ownership was granted cease to be an existing health care facility as defined in 77 IAC 1130.140.

This permit 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,

Courtney Avery

Courtney Avery, Administrator

cc: Kathy Olson, Chairman