STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD
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May 24, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Edward J. Green
Foley & Lardner LLP
321 North Clark Street, Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Re: **Exemption Approval**
EXEMPTION NUMBER: 015-13
FACILITY NAME: Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
APPLICANTS: Trinity Health Corporation, CHE Trinity Inc

Dear Mr. Green:

On May 14, 2013, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 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 and the owner of the site is Mercy Hospital & Medical Center, 2525 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The exemption change of ownership involves CHE Trinity becoming the sole corporate member of Trinity Health Corporation and Catholic Health East resulting in a change of control of a licensed health care facility.

You are reminded that this exemption is only valid for 12 months from the date of approval and is not transferable or assignable and must be completed within the 12-month period. To demonstrate completion of this transaction, the exemption holder must provide the State Agency 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. In addition, the exemption holder is reminded that 77 IAC 1130.140 defines transactions that constitute a change of ownership of a health care facility. Please advise all parties to become familiar with the exemption definitions.

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.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc: Dale Galassie, Chairman