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Illinois Department of Public Health
Hospital Licensing Division
525 West Jefferson Street, 4th Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: *Closure of St. Mary's Hospital (License #0002659)*

Dear Ms. Senger:

Following up on our conference call of September 23, 2015, this letter is provided as notice of the planned closing of St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, Illinois (license # 0002659) (the "Hospital") effective on January 4, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. local time (the "Effective Date"). This notice is intended to meet the Hospital's obligation to provide notice to the Illinois Department of Public Health under 77 Ill. Admin. Code 250.120(n) and 210 Ill. Comp. Stat. 85/6.14(e).

Closure of Hospital

As we discussed, the Hospital timely submitted an application for a Certificate of Exemption to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("IHFSRB") in relation to the discontinuation of services at the Hospital, and anticipates will be included on the IHFSRB's November meeting agenda. Upon approval from the IHFSRB, and effective as of the Effective Date, the Hospital will cease operations. In coordination with the EMS regional resource hospital, the Hospital will cease inpatient admissions approximately one (1) week prior to the Effective Date. The Hospital is developing a plan to ensure that any patients present in the Hospital as of the Effective Date are safely "removed and placed at other licensed hospitals" via a medically appropriate transfer, as required by 77 Ill. Admin. Code 250.120(n).

Medical Records and Medical Staff Credentialing Files

Effective as of the Effective Date, the Hospital's patient medical records and medical staff credentialing files will be transferred to and/or stored at St. John's Hospital, 800 E. Carpenter Street, Springfield, Illinois 62769 (license #0002451). The Hospital is presently developing, and will implement on or before the Effective Date, a policy to address the continued preservation of such records in accordance with 77 Ill. Admin. Code 250.120(n). Patients will be advised that they can obtain a copy of their Hospital records by contacting St. John's. Calls to the administrative phone numbers for the Hospital will refer inquiries to St. John's.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or if additional information is required to complete the notice processes contemplated in 77 Ill. Admin. Code 250.120(n) and 210 Ill. Comp. Stat. 85/6.14(e), please contact me via phone at 815-673-4500 or via email at john.flanders@hshs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Flanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

John Flanders
President and Chief Executive Officer
St. Mary's Hospital

cc: Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Participation Unit
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