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VIA U.S. MAIL AND FACSIMILE (860-509-6501)

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Re: In re Saint Mary's Health System, Inc. – Application Deficiency

Dear Attorney Anthony:

Thank you for your letter of August 31, 2011, regarding the Application for Joint Venture (the "Application") initially submitted on July 21, 2011, by Saint Mary's Health System, Inc. ("Saint Mary's") and LHP Hospital Group, Inc. (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, "LHP").

This letter is to acknowledge the agreement among the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Public Health, division of the Office of Health Care Access, Saint Mary's, and LHP that the Application is incomplete in its current form and must be updated as a result of the recently-publicized proposed three-party joint venture involving Saint Mary's, Waterbury Hospital, and LHP.

In the immediate future, we will discuss with you the specific deficiencies we believe need to be addressed to complete the Application.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Hawes".

Gary W. Hawes
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Commissioner Dr. Jewel Mullen, DPH
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