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VIA E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

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**Re: Extension of Temporary Closure of NICU and OB Services – Saint Francis Hospital – Bartlett
#161**

Dear Ms. Reed:

Saint Francis Hospital - Bartlett ("SFH-Bartlett") would like to request a one-year extension for the waiver for the temporary closure of its NICU and OB Services. The closure of these services occurred on or around March 1, 2022. As stated in the original request letter, the temporary closure was necessary because OB staff was cut in half and the neonatology group stopped providing coverage services. The discontinuance of neonatology coverage led to the loss of pediatric coverage also. SFH-Bartlett has not been able to replace the medical staff necessary to operate these service lines. SFH-Bartlett will continue to provide these service lines at its sister campus, Saint Francis Hospital – Memphis ("SFH-Memphis") located at 5959 Park Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

If you have any questions or need additional information related to this request, please do not hesitate to call me at 615-780-6727 or email me at kim.looney@klgates.com.

Very truly yours,



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