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Steven Graubart
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Dear Mr. Graubart,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that Tandem Hospital Partners was the only organization to submit a letter of intent to establish new hospital inpatient and emergency department services in Apple Valley, Chaska, and Cottage Grove. To have the Minnesota Department of Health complete public interest reviews for hospitals in each of these respective service areas please submit a plan according to the enclosed guidance.

In conducting hospital public interest reviews, MDH is required to consider a range of factors, including the following:

- Whether the new hospital or hospital beds are needed to provide timely access to care or access to new or improved services;
- The financial impact of the new hospital or hospital beds on existing acute-care hospitals that have emergency departments in the region;
- How the new hospital or hospital beds will affect the ability of existing hospitals in the region to maintain existing staff;
- The extent to which the new hospital or hospital beds will provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients relative to the level of services provided to these groups by existing hospitals in the region; and
- The views of affected parties.

If you have any questions about the public interest review process, please contact Stefan Gildemeister by email at Stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us or by phone at 651/201-3554.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Rydrych".

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Enclosure