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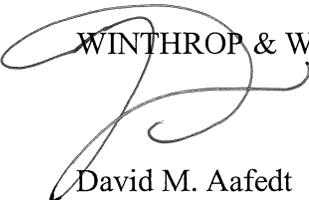
Dr. Edward Ehlinger
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Health
625 North Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55155-2538

Re: Tandem Hospital Partners, LLC
Letter of Intent Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 144.553

Dear Commissioner Ehlinger:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 144.551 *et seq.*, as well as our teleconference with your colleagues, Stefan Gildemeister and Nathan Hierling, enclosed please find a Letter of Intent from our client, Tandem Hospital Partners, LLC, for the following locations: Cottage Grove, Apple Valley, and Chaska.

Very truly yours,


WINTHROP & WEINSTINE, P.A.

David M. Aafedt

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Enclosure

c: Steven J. Graubart
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August 21, 2015

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Dr. Edward Ehlinger
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Health
625 North Robert Street
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Re: Tandem Hospital Partners, LLC
Letter of Intent Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 144.553

Dear Commissioner Ehlinger:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of Tandem Hospital Partners, LLC ("Tandem"). Tandem is a freestanding micro hospital operator in the business of offering emergency medical services and inpatient services in retail operating locations.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 144.553, I write to provide the Minnesota Department of Health with notice that Tandem intends to seek a license to operate freestanding micro hospitals in the following communities in Minnesota: Cottage Grove, Apple Valley and Chaska. If the license is granted, each location will contain eight inpatient beds and seven emergency department beds.

Tandem's proposed micro hospitals provide better access to care, better quality of care and at a lower cost of care. Tandem's proposed micro hospitals are in the public interest for the following reasons: (i) they will offer much broader patient access and a high quality of care, as its facilities will service all levels of acuity in one location familiar to the patient, will be open 24-hours a day and will be staffed with board-certified or board-eligible emergency medicine physicians; (ii) they will offer significantly faster service and high patient satisfaction with an average door to disposition of approximately 60 minutes, in contrast to industry averages of more than four hours and (iii) they will offer cost appropriate to the level of services delivered and acuity of the patient's condition, which is very different from traditional hospital's emergency department.

It is my understanding that the Minnesota Department of Health will publish notice in the State Register, and if no responses are received, will instruct Tandem to submit a plan under Minnesota Statutes Section 144.552. In the event any responses are received, Tandem is prepared to provide justification of the need for the freestanding micro hospital locations, as well as additional information to assist the Minnesota Department of Health in its determination of need.

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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

TANDEM HOSPITAL PARTNERS, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Graubart", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven J. Graubart

cc: Matt McBride, Esq.
David Aafedt, Esq.