



April 9, 2018

Stefan Gildemeister
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Minnesota Department of Health
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Dear Mr. Gildemeister,

I am writing to request that the Department complete its review process and analysis regarding the impact of HealthPartners' request to add 100 beds at Regions Hospital over the next 32 years. As we provided in our comment letter to the Department, we are not in opposition to the efforts, as stated, but cannot move forward with the process without the Department's analysis as provided for under state law.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Department to complete its analysis as soon as possible so we can fairly honor our community partnerships and have an open and full public review at the legislature. If for whatever reason, the Department cannot complete its analysis, then it should quickly provide for a preliminary recommendation to the legislature in order to allow lawmakers the opportunity to move forward through the legislative process, as intended by state law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon L. Pryor".

Jon L. Pryor, MD, MBA
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Andrea Walsh