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FEB 11 2014 BUREAU OF FILANCE RATE SETTING DIVISION

Re: Request JD13001 Memorial Hospital Bed Request

Dear Mr. Alexander,

We noted a request from Memorial Hospital for 12 beds in Towanda Pa. As owners of the Bradford County Manor we are concerned about the impact of any additional beds in Bradford County. We are currently a licensed 200 bed facility with a census of 168 residents.

We believe that there are more than adequate open beds in Bradford County. Adding additional beds in Bradford County will not improve the care of any facility.

Thus, we would like to request that the additional beds in Bradford County be denied.

Sincerely, 14 - S

Bradford County Commissioners