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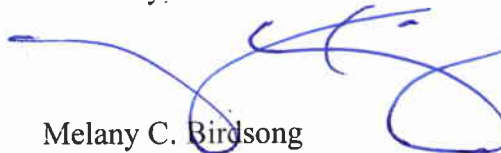
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Re: St. John's Regional Medical Center, Joplin, Missouri  
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as notice that the sale of substantially all of the assets of St. John's Regional Medical Center to Mercy Health of Joplin, Inc., an affiliate of Sisters of Mercy Health System, has been delayed beyond September 30, 2009. We will follow up with you to confirm the exact closing date as soon as it has been determined. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Legal Counsel for St. John's Regional Medical  
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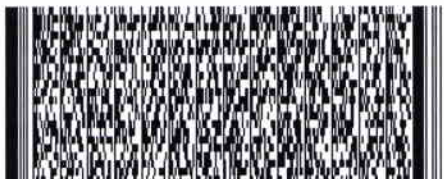
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