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May 21, 2012

Ms. Judith Nolan, Administrator
The Founder's Women's Health Center
1243 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43205

Dear Ms. Nolan,

On March 14, 2012, during a periodic licensure compliance inspection of The Founder's Women's Health Center it was found that the ambulatory surgical facility lacked a written transfer agreement with a hospital for transfer of patients in the event of medical complications or emergency situations as required in section 3701-83-19 (E) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

On May 17, 2012, in response to a telephonic request from Wanda Iacovetta, RN, Supervisor of the non- long term care unit, we were provided a copy of a "trauma services transfer agreement" between your facility and the Grant Medical Center.

This agreement, in which Founder's is identified as an acute care hospital throughout and which refers to a non-trauma center qualified hospital referring patients to a verified trauma center does not meet the above cited licensure rule. Therefore, please provide to the Ohio Department of Health a properly executed and signed agreement between The Founder's Women's Health Center and a local hospital of your choice in satisfaction of the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code by June 11, 2012.

At a minimum, the written transfer agreement must address the running time of the agreement, any predetermined expiration date, provisions for renewal or extension as may be mutually agreeable between the parties to the agreement, and the signatures of the authorized representatives of both the receiving hospital and the transferring ambulatory surgical facility.

While we are giving you until June 11, 2012, to execute this written agreement we would encourage you to not delay in negotiating a new agreement with an area hospital. A complete transfer agreement prevents possible avoidable delays in the emergency transfer of patients, may establish guidance for facility staff in the timing and content of advance notice to the hospital, may clarify the transfer of responsibility for a patient's personal effects, may specify exactly what records and other documentation need to accompany the patient, and may provide the means for any needed future amendments to the base agreement.

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If you have any questions on the department's expectations for an acceptable transfer agreement or anything in this letter, please feel free to contact Wanda Iacovetta, RN, Supervisor, Non Long-term Care, at (614) 387-0801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Croy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roy D. Croy, RS, CPHQ

Chief, Bureau of Community Health Care Facilities & Services

c: Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health
Chief, Division of Quality Assurance, Ohio Department of Health