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Greg Will
SEIU Healthcare
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Re: FOIA 14-392

Dear Mr. Will:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on June 2, 2014, in which you requested:

“Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I am writing to request complete copies of written documentation of any incident posing a threat to a child’s health or welfare from June 1, 2011 to present for:

- MCC Health Care Services Inc, a nursing agency providing care through Division of Specialized Care for Children.

Item 10 of the DSCC Requirements for Nursing Agencies Participating with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Home Care Program requires that “Nursing agencies providing services to home care children will: ... Submit to UIC-DSCC Care Coordinator written documentation of any incident that poses a threat to the child’s health or welfare, including but not limited to injuries, medication errors, or use of restraints within 5 business days.”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 6 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” Pursuant to this exemption, patient information (or information that could lead to the identification of a patient) that is prohibited from being released under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was redacted from the responsive documents.
- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes home telephone numbers, home addresses and private medical information.

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- 140/7(1)(c) that exempts from disclosure “Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.” This includes the identification of patients, guardians, or information that could lead to the identification of patients and private medical information.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer