



MORRISTOWN-HAMBLEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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Mr. Marty Smith
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RE: January 27, 2010 letter and enclosures to Directors of
Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter acknowledges receipt by me and each of the other members of the board of directors of Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System ("MHHS"). MHHS signed a letter of intent with Covenant Health which contains a binding provision that MHHS will deal exclusively with Covenant for a period of time. Accordingly, on behalf of the MHHS Board of Directors and each individual director, your request for a meeting on February 3rd is respectfully declined. Any further attempts to engage MHHS directors, officers or representatives in meetings, discussions or other communications during the period of exclusive negotiations with Covenant will receive the same response. If and when the period of exclusive negotiations expires, MHHS will make an announcement to that effect.

Very truly yours,

Carl B. Storms, Chairman
MHHS Board of Directors

cc: MHHS Directors
Richard L. Clark
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Morristown Regional
Imaging Center

Behaviorial Health Center

Cancer Care &
Treatment Center

Emergency &
Critical Care Center

Heart, Lung & Vascular Center

Joint & Spine Center

Laboratory Services Center

Medical & Intensive
Care Center

Prompt Family Care

Sleep Disorder Center

Surgical Services Center

Women's & Children's Center