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September 1, 2017

The Honorable President and Members Cook County Board of Commissioners County Building 118 N. Clark, Room 567 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear President Preckwinkle and Members of the Board of Commissioners:

The Board of Directors of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System ("Health System Board") respectfully requests approval of the FY2018 Preliminary Budget of the Cook County Health & Hospitals System ("CCHHS"), a copy of which is attached, pursuant to the Cook County Ordinance Establishing the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, Section 38-83, Preliminary CCHHS Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

The System Board received its Proposed FY2018 Preliminary Budget at the CCHHS Board Finance Committee Meeting held on August 25, 2017. The Health System Board held two public hearings on its Proposed FY2018 Preliminary Budget on August 28, 2017 and August 29, 2017. Additional public comment on the Proposed FY2018 Preliminary Budget was taken at the September 1, 2017 CCHHS Board Meeting. Following these public hearings, the Health System Board considered and approved the FY2018 Preliminary Budget at the meeting of the Health System Board on Friday, September 1, 2017.

The CCHHS FY2018 Preliminary Budget will appear on the Agenda of the Cook County Board of Commissioners for the meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

John Jay Shannon, MD Chief Executive Officer

Cook County Health & Hospitals System

Encl. CCHHS FY2018 Preliminary Budget