

# Hospitals appeal state rejection

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Detroit's Ford and Sinal hospitals, which jointly propose to build a 200-bed hospital in West Bloomfield, will appeal the state health department rejection of its plan and six other hospitals proposed for western and northern Oakland County, a Sinal official announced Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak said Beaumont "understands" the health department's decision and has begun to question the need for an area hospital, as well. Beaumont's proposal for a 150-bed facility in West Bloomfield was one of the five local plans rejected last week.

Mike Killian, director of public affairs for Beaumont, said the hospital believed there was a need for 100 more medical-surgical beds when it filed its application to build in West Bloomfield. It planned to use the remaining 50 beds for patients having specialized eye surgery and psychiatric problems. But Medicare statistics show hospital occupancy levels have dropped during the past few months, Killian said.

If the health department does an about-face when it again reviews all the plans during the appeal process, Killian said Beaumont will be interested in building. "We're very interested. But we're also very practical," he said, adding it doesn't make good business sense for a hospital to build where there's no need.

MEANWHILE, Ford and Sinal will try to convince the health department there is a need. "We believe the health department has misinterpreted or overlooked relevant facts," said Arnold Kimmel, director of Ford-Sinal's proposed hospital, called the "West Bloomfield Hospital."

Kimmel said Ford-Sinal believes there is a need, based on its projections

for population growth and increased usage.

The health department ruled last week that backers of the five proposed hospitals did not demonstrate a need for additional beds in western Oakland County. The health department also ruled that the proposals would drive up health care costs and take away patients from existing hospitals, said health department spokesman Larry Payne. The health department's decision was consistent with a recommendation by the regional health planning agency for southeastern Michigan.

The remaining plans rejected by the health department were proposed by Detroit's Harper-Grace (225 beds in West Bloomfield), Sisters of Mercy (200 beds in West Bloomfield) and Huron Valley (150 additional beds in neighboring Commerce Township, Huron Valley has court authority to build 153 beds in Commerce).

Beaumont, Harper-Grace and Sisters of Mercy remained undecided early this week about filing appeals. But Payne said the health department will review all proposals again, as long as one appeals. "If one appeals, it's the same as all appealing," he said.

A HEARING date will be set within 60 days.

Spokesman for Harper-Grace and Sisters of Mercy said they expected the health department to reject all of the proposals, based on the regional planning agency's recommendation and public statements declaring no need for added beds made by health department officials.

"We were disappointed, but they treated all contenders equally," said Harper-Grace's Frank Bredahl.

Spokesman John Tatum of Sisters of Mercy, "We were generally expecting the disapproval; it's very difficult for the health department to give a positive response to any one applicant and a negative response (to the rest). . . and have

that decision accepted (by everyone in the political, business and planning communities)."

Tatum noted that this was the first time the health department reviewed several proposals for the same area at one time.

Generally, the department reviews proposals on a one-by-one basis, he said.

Attorney James Foresman of Huron Valley Hospital could not be reached

for comment early this week. Huron Valley sued early last week to prevent the health department from making a decision on the proposals.

Huron Valley believes its application for 150 additional beds should be reviewed individually since it preceded the rest of the applications. Huron Valley's request for its first 153 beds was rejected by the health department. The hospital won the right to build in court.



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