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July 18, 2025

Drew Early  
President and CEO  
Decatur Memorial Hospital  
2300 N. Edward Street  
Decatur, IL 62526

Dear Mr. Early,

It is my pleasure to inform you that effective today, July 18, 2025, Decatur Memorial Hospital is now recognized as an Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP) within Emergency Medical Services Region 6 in the State of Illinois.

This recognition status is effective until 2026.

The Department is confident that Decatur Memorial Hospital will provide quality pediatric emergency care and assist in the delivery of care within EMS Region 6.

Please feel free to contact me at (217) 785-2083 or [Kelly.Jones@illinois.gov](mailto:Kelly.Jones@illinois.gov) for any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

*Robert Van Bebber, MSN, RN*

Bobby Van Bebber, MSN, RN  
Division Chief, Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety

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