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Secretary of Labor
Top-Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

31,000-0 To 2:30

RE: *Hamot Surgery Center L.L.P. 457b Top Hat Plan*

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 2520.104-23 of the Department of Labor's Regulations, this letter will serve as notice that, with respect to the (*fill in Name of Plan*) (the "Plan"), the undersigned intends to utilize the alternative form of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which alternative form of compliance is provided in the aforesaid Regulations Section.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b), the following information is provided:

1. Name and Address of Employer:
Hamot Surgery Center L.L.P.
200 State Street
Erie, PA 16507
2. Employer's employer Identification Number:

25-1863661
3. The Employer hereby declares that it maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, and that there are (*insert number*) employees in such plan at this time.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b)(2), the employer will provide Plan documents, if any, to the Secretary of labor upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

Very truly yours,

Hamot Surgery Center L.L.P.

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