

**Facts about Valley West's Opposition  
to a Freestanding Emergency Center in Yorkville**

-November 12, 2008, a Certificate of Need (CON) was filed with the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to establish a free-standing emergency center in Yorkville, IL.

-Based on Calendar Year 2008 data from Valley West Community Hospital's internal Meditech data system, 78% of all Valley West Community Hospital Emergency Department visits came from the zip codes of Bristol, Montgomery, Newark, Oswego, Plano, Sandwich, Sheridan, Somonauk and Yorkville. These zip codes are defined as the service area the proposed freestanding emergency center intends to serve.

-The proposed new facility represents an unnecessary and costly (\$7.53m) duplication of services. The new facility would be located less than ten driving miles from the Emergency Department at Valley West.

-A freestanding emergency center in Yorkville would have detrimental effects on the services Valley West provides our patients and community:

- Potential reduction of services offered to current Valley West patients and community members;
- Potential reduction of employment opportunities at the hospital;
- Potential loss in dollars spent in the communities by the hospital
- Reduction in hospital-sponsored events and activities.

- Valley West Community Hospital has requested a public hearing regarding the CON application through the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

- If you have questions or would like more information about Valley West's opposition to the freestanding emergency center, please call 815.786.3788.