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OR2014-03192

Dear Ms. La:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 514468 (DCHD# 13-130).

The Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health and Hospital System (the "system") received a request for the total salaries of five named individuals. You state you will release some of the requested information. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.150 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

You state the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information. This office issued Open Records Letter No. 2013-05167 (2013) in response to a similar request for information regarding the system's employees and nurses. In that decision, we ruled, the system must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2010-02881 (2010), 2010-16352 (2010), 2011-03032 (2011), 2011-17379 (2011), and 2011-18041 (2011) as previous determinations and withhold the information we ruled is subject to section 552.150 in accordance with those rulings. The ruling further determined the system must withhold portions of the information at issue under section 552.150 of the Government Code. As we have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed, the system must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2013-05167 as a previous determination. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts,

and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure). As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your argument against disclosure.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

cc: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)