

IRMA Exemption Certificate

September 20, 2022

Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Representation Letter

By publicly posting the following written notice, Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health (“Harris Health”) intends that market participants receive and use it for purposes of determining whether they qualify for an exemption under the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule (the “Rule”) pursuant to Section 15Ba1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until otherwise withdrawn or replaced by Harris Health.

Harris Health currently is represented by and will rely on the advice of (in the sense that it will seek and consider the advice, analysis and perspective of, before making a determination), Hilltop Securities, Inc., (“Hilltop”) in considering information (other than general information that does not involve a recommendation) that you provide to us regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities, (including investments of bond proceeds and of escrow investments).

For the purpose of allowing market participants to determine whether the two-year non-association requirement of the municipal advisor exemption set forth in the Rules is satisfied, the particular personnel at Hilltop who is engaged in the management, direction, supervision, or performance of any municipal advisory activities for Harris Health is listed below:

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Hilltop has represented to Harris Health that it is an “independent registered municipal advisor” within the meaning of Section 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi). Each market participant seeking to avail itself of the independent registered municipal advisor exemption to the Rules with respect to Harris Health must make its own determination regarding the availability and applicability of the exemption under the circumstances.

Please be advised that except for regulatorily-mandated correspondence between your firm and Hilltop in its capacity as Harris Health’s representative, your firm should not speak directly with or send any documents to Hilltop unless specifically directed to do so by Harris Health.

Harris Health may consult with additional registered municipal advisors as we deem necessary and appropriate.

This notice is provided solely in connection with the Rule. This notice should not be relied upon for any other purposes.

Any proposal review by Hilltop will be at the direction of Harris Health and subject to the professional judgment of Harris Health and Hilltop. Harris Health in its sole discretion may choose which proposals will be reviewed and may choose to request Hilltop to review or not review particular proposals. By submitting a proposal, a financial services firm acknowledges it has no recourse against Harris Health or Hilltop related to any action or inaction with respect to evaluating, commenting on, or responding to proposals received.

To encourage the continued sharing of ideas and propriety information by market participants, Harris Health intends to keep any original materials provided by and concepts it discusses with market participants from time to time confidential (to the extent provided by law) but hereby reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to share any information which will be seriously considered by the Harris Health with Hilltop.

For questions or comments regarding this Letter, you may contact Harris Health's CFO at [officeofthecfo@harrishealth.org](mailto:officeofthecfo@harrishealth.org); 346-426-0462.