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Attached please find support letters submitted on behalf of Quad Cities Kidney Center - Rock Island.

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February 28, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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**Re: Letter of Support for Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island,
LLC, Project No. 10-055**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing on behalf of Quad Cities Nephrology Associates, LLC, PLC in support of Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island's proposal to add six dialysis stations to its existing dialysis facility. This project is needed to expand access to life sustaining dialysis services to the elderly population of Rock Island, many of whom lack of access to transportation.

The average age of dialysis patient's is close to 70 and in Rock Island county the population above 65 years is 16 % higher than the remaining state of Illinois. Chronic Kidney Disease is four times higher in Afro-Americans and three times higher in Hispanic population. According to 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, released recently, shows the Afro-American population increased 15% and the Hispanic population increased 34% in the whole of Rock Island County. In Rock Island, the city where Quad Cities Kidney Center-Rock Island is located, the Hispanic population has increased to 72% and in Milan, a city which is adjacent to Rock Island, has increased 49%. This clearly shows the End Stage Renal Disease patient population who come to the Quad Cities Kidney Center-Rock Island are elderly, socioeconomically poor and need transportation help for their dialysis treatments.

Access issues are particularly challenging for residents of nursing homes. Residents are reliant upon friends and family, the nursing home, and third party transportation providers (medicar) to transport them to and from their medical appointments. Importantly, dialysis is scheduled three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) in four hour shifts. Nursing homes and third party transportation providers almost exclusively transport patients Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents must schedule their dialysis when transportation is available, which means the second shift on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday is the only viable option. Currently, there is a waiting list for the second shift of dialysis on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Accordingly, additional stations are needed to accommodate current demand.

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Furthermore, many residents rely on assistive devices such as canes and walkers and have vision problems so they are faced with additional safety hazards when arriving and departing the facility in the dark. While some of these hazards cannot be avoided in the winter, patients and the staff who transport and assist them are safer when coming and going from the facility during daylight hours.

Quad Cities Kidney Center is the sole provider of outpatient hemodialysis services in Rock Island County. It continually strives to plan its operations around the needs of its patients to provide the best management of their disease. Ongoing kidney dialysis treatment is grueling and can often involve, pain, cramps and other symptoms associated with low blood pressure and other co-morbidities. If dialysis is not easily accessible to patients, they may frequently miss appointments or forego dialysis altogether, which could lead to their demise. Therefore, additional stations are necessary to ensure dialysis is accessible to the residents of Rock Island, particularly the elderly.

This will not impact the other dialysis facilities of Quad Cities Kidney Center's (same organization) in Moline, Illinois or Silvis, Illinois and does not require significant cost.

We, the Quad Cities Nephrology Associates, LLC, PLC support the proposed expansion of Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island and respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Project No. 10-055.

Sincerely,



V. R. Alla, M. D.
Manager



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**Re: Letter of Support for Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock
Island, LLC, Project No. 10-055**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a social worker for Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island and I am writing in support of the proposal to add six dialysis stations to its existing dialysis facility. This project is needed to expand access to life sustaining dialysis services to the elderly population of Rock Island, many of whom lack access to transportation.

The majority of the ESRD patients are elderly and nursing home residents, and access issues are particularly challenging. The elderly and nursing home residents are reliant upon friends and family, the nursing home, and third party transportation providers (medicar) to transport them to and from their medical appointments. Importantly, dialysis is scheduled three days per week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) in four hour shifts. Nursing homes and third party transportation providers almost exclusively transport patients Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents must schedule their dialysis when transportation is available, which means the second shift on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday is the only viable option. Currently, there is a waiting list for the second shift of dialysis on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Accordingly, additional stations are needed to accommodate current demand.

Furthermore, many elderly and nursing home residents rely on assistive devices such as canes and walkers and have vision problems so they are faced with additional safety hazards when arriving and departing the facility in the dark. While some of these hazards cannot be avoided in the winter, patients and the staff who transport and assist them are safer when coming and going from the facility during daylight hours.

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Quad Cities Kidney Center is the only provider of outpatient hemodialysis in Rock Island County. We continually strive to plan our operations around the needs of our patients to provide the best management of their disease. Ongoing kidney dialysis treatment is grueling and can often involve pain, cramps and other symptoms associated with low blood pressure and other co-morbidities. If dialysis is not easily accessible to patients, they may frequently miss appointments or forego dialysis altogether, which could lead to their demise. Therefore, additional stations are necessary to ensure dialysis is accessible to the residents of Rock Island, particularly the elderly.

Since this will not impact our other dialysis facilities of Quad Cities Kidney Center in Moline or Silvis, does not require significant cost, I support the proposed expansion of Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island and respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Project No. 10-055.

Sincerely,


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Re: Letter of Support for Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island, LLC, Project No. 10-055

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing on behalf of Heartland Health Care Center of Moline in Support of Quad Cities Kidney Center Rock Island's proposal to add six dialysis stations to its facility. The additional dialysis stations will assist with services to the senior population in Rock Island that don't have transportation.

Residents in nursing homes are reliant upon family, friends and third party transportation providers to transport them to their medical appointments. Dialysis is scheduled three days/week in four hour shifts. Nursing home patients are primarily scheduled for dialysis on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 9am and 5pm. Nursing home patients must schedule dialysis when transportation is available. There is currently a waiting list for second shift dialysis on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Quad Cities Kidney Center is the only provider of outpatient dialysis in Rock Island County. The need for additional stations is necessary to provide life sustaining services to the elderly population of our community.

Heartland Health Care of Moline supports the proposed expansion of the Quad Cities Kidney center Rock Island.

Sincerely,

Ann Sieprawski
Admissions Director
Heartland Health Care