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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
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525 West Jefferson Second Floor
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RE: 11-024, U.S. Renal Care Oak Brook and Downers Grove Dialysis
11-025, U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is in opposition to the claims made in the proposal for three new dialysis units in the western suburbs of Chicago. My career in nephrology began with training at Rush University Medical Center, consistently one of the best programs in Chicago and the nation, where education, research, and quality patient care is highly valued. After completing my fellowship, including a year as chief fellow of nephrology, I have dedicated my career to serving patients in the western suburbs of Chicago for the last five years.

I have worked extensively in a number of dialysis units in this area, including Bolingbrook, Downers Grove, Lombard, Willowbrook, and Westchester. My patients almost exclusively undergo dialysis in one of these units. My experience with these centers includes the placement of patients into the units, rounding on the patients frequently, and working closely with the technicians, nurses, dietitians, and social workers when patient issues arise.

The placement of patients into a dialysis unit requires multiple steps such as timely ordering of laboratories by the nephrologist (i.e. hepatitis serologies), placement of an access (i.e. permanent catheter or AV access), patient and family consent to a schedule, and arrangement of transportation to and from the dialysis unit. Given the complexity of this process, I have been extremely impressed by Fresenius' team approach to the placement of patients in an appropriate and timely manner.

Rounding on my patients routinely in the dialysis centers has afforded me the opportunity to assess patient satisfaction. Overall, my patients are content with the care that they receive in these units. Particularly, they appreciate being placed in units close to their home, having their specific needs addressed (i.e. transportation needs, antibiotics), and the friendly faces that not only know their names but are there to help manage any new issues that arise.

In five years of experience, I have been very pleased with the care my patients have received at these named dialysis centers. I will continue to send my patients to these facilities, without reservation, knowing that they will receive excellent care. Personally, I have not experienced any inappropriate delays in patient placement to a unit, discrimination against my patients' preferred scheduled times, or for any dialysis access related issues.

Sincerely,

Naveen C. Reddy, M.D.