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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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Dale Galassie  
Chairman  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: FMC – East Aurora  
HFSRB #11-120

Dear Mr. Galassie:

As we did with respect to the Certificate of Need (CON) application # 10-086, Rush-Copley Medical Center opposes Fresenius Medical Care's CON application # 11-120, which looks to establish a 12-station in-center hemodialysis facility at 924 East New York Street in Aurora, Illinois (60505). We ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to deny this application as well. As articulated in our objection to the CON application #10-086, we remain convinced by the evidence that this project is premature and will have a negative impact on other hemodialysis facilities already approved to operate in this community.

Our community has the following available or approved in-center hemodialysis facilities which are easily accessible to the proposed population to be served by the new facility:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>MapQuest* Travel Time</u>	<u>9/20/2011 Stations</u>	<u>9/30/2011 Patients</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>
FMC-Aurora	3.52 miles	12 minutes	24	109**	75.7%**
FMC-West Batavia	9.8 miles	23 minutes	12	0	0.00%
Tri-Cities Dialysis	11.3 miles	25 minutes	18	80	74.1%
Yorkville Dialysis Cntr	14.7 miles	28 minutes	8	20	41.7%
FMC-West Chicago	15.4 miles	28 minutes	12	23	31.9%
FMC-Plainfield	16.0 miles	28 minutes	12	52	72.2%
FMC-Oswego	8.16 miles	21 minutes	11	49	74.2%
FMC-Naperbrook	11.59 miles	23 minutes	16	0	0.00%
US Renal Care Bolingbrook	15.32 miles	29 minutes	13	0	0.00%

SOURCE: The Renal Network, 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter data.

NOTES: \* MapQuest travel time is adjusted 15% as allowed by HFSRB rules.  
\*\* FMC-Aurora utilization includes 15 patients who may transfer to the new. The occupancy of FMC-Aurora decreases to 65.3% without these patients.

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As set forth above, there are nine (9) conveniently located, quality dialysis services, within 30 minutes of the project (two of which are new projects that will add 28 stations and the capacity for 168 patients, and each unit is within 23 minutes drive time), that are readily accessible to the patients served by Rush-Copley Medical Center and the physicians on its Medical Staff. We experience no difficulty finding available dialysis services for our patients.

We support the reasonable and timely development of health care facilities in the greater Aurora area when needed, but we respectfully ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to consider the impact on existing, approved facilities and deny this CON application at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Bumgarner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gail Bumgarner  
Sr. Vice President, Strategy

cc: Ms. Courtney Avery