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George,

Attached is a support letter for Lawndale Dialysis from Dr. Ogonnaya Aneziokoro. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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February 3, 2012

Dale Galassie
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am pleased to support the establishment of Lawndale Dialysis. As stated in my earlier support letter, the new 16-station chronic renal dialysis facility, to be located at 3934 West 24th Street, Chicago, IL 60623, will afford me the space I need to provide my patients with the highest level of care.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a growing public health problem in the United States. Diabetes and hypertension (high blood pressure) are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Not surprisingly, obesity, is linked to both diabetes and high blood pressure, is also one of driving factors for progressive CKD.

According to a recent study, the number of Americans with diabetes will double from 23.7 million in 2009 to 44.1 million in 2034. Because the average wait time for an ESRD patient for a kidney transplant is more than four years, and mortality rates among ESRD patients have improved significantly in recent years, during any given year, only a few patients will either die or receive transplant. As such, demand for dialysis treatment is expected to continue to increase.

Due to socioeconomic conditions in Chicago's Westside community, this population exhibits a higher prevalence of obesity, which is a primary driver of diabetes and hypertension. Notably, the City of Chicago exhibits a much higher concentration of African American (approximately 32%) and Hispanic (approximately 29%) than the rest of the State. African Americans and Hispanics are at an increased risk of ESRD compared to the general population due to the higher prevalence of these conditions in these minority communities. In fact, the ESRD incident rate among African Americans is 3.6 times greater than the non-whites and the incident rate among Hispanic population is 1.5 times greater than the non-Hispanic population. This, coupled with the aging population, is expected to increase utilization.


Trends among my practice, as demonstrated at Attachment - 1, and the Board's own need projections substantiate increasing demand. In fact, there is a need of 112 dialysis stations in

HSA 6. As stated previously, I intend to refer approximately 88 patients within 12 to 18 months. Due to the large number of patients my practice serves, I am excited about the enhancement in patient care the new facility will offer my patients.

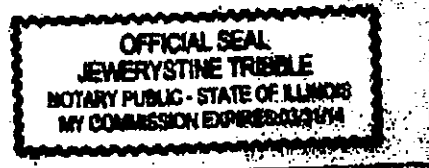
I support the proposed establishment of Lawndale Dialysis.

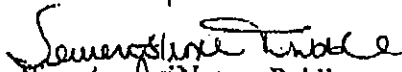
Sincerely,

Ogbonnaya Aneziokoro, M.D.
Nephrologist


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State of Illinois
County of Cook
Signed and sworn to before me by
Ogbonnaya Aneziokoro on 6th of
February, 2012.




Signature of Notary Public

ATTACHMENT 1

HISTORICAL ESRD REFERRALS

Little Village Dialysis

2009		2010		2011	
Zip Code	Patients	Zip Code	Patients	Zip Code	Patients
60609	1	60402	1	60608	3
60629	3	60609	1	60609	1
60632	1	60623	8	60623	5
60651	1	60632	2	60632	2
		60638	1	60643	1
				60644	1

Lincoln Park Dialysis

2009		2010		2011	
Zip Code	Patients	Zip Code	Patients	Zip Code	Patients
60614	1	60609	1	60610	1
60624	1	60610	1	60614	1
60629	1	60614	3	60625	1
60639	1	60618	3	60657	2
60645	1	60645	1	91170	1
60653	1				
60659	1				

Logan Square Dialysis

2009		2011	
Zip Code	Patients	Zip Code	Patients
60614	2	60639	1

Emerald Dialysis

2011	
Zip Code	Patients
60621	1
60623	2
60632	2