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September 25, 2012

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RE: Anticipated Referral Letter/MetroSouth Medical Center CON

Dear Members of the Illinois Facilities and Services Review Board:

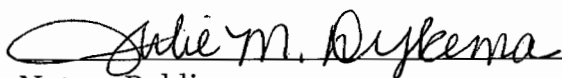
Reference is made to my letter of July 30, 2012. To be specific, in 2013 I anticipate the physicians employed by Metro Primary Care Physicians referring 100 patients to MSMC and in 2014 100 patients to MSMC. This is based on my prior experience in referring patients from the zip codes in the Hospital's primary and secondary service areas (attached) for care and/or treating a patient in the ED of these areas that had a diagnosis warranting acute psychiatric care. I have provided total referral information for all of the practice in my prior letter, referred to herein. While I understand the referrals cannot exceed total historic referrals, I do want the Board to understand that in my practice I have seen a growing number of elderly patients generally, and thus an increase by sheer population increase in the number of elderly patients with acute psychiatric issues. I therefore do expect the number of referrals I make generally for this type of service, whether to MSMC or otherwise, to increase in upcoming years as the elder population continues to grow and we as practitioners become better at identifying and assisting elders experiencing acute behavioral health issues. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

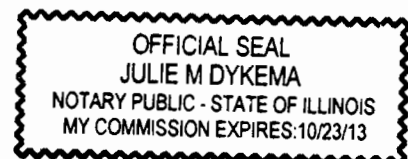

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Date: 9/27/12

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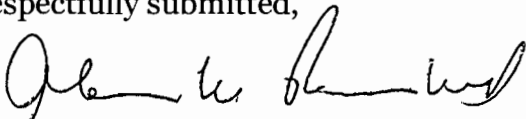
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Dear Members of the Illinois Facilities and Services Review Board:

I and my partners see patients at the Pronger Smith clinic across the street from MSMC. For some time we have referred patients in the community, and our own patients, outside the community served by MSMC for behavioral services. This interferes with continuity of care and is not best for our patients. All of the 15 patients referred to in our initial referral letter would be referred to MSMC. The reason is that they are our patients and generally live in the immediate community. We do not believe that given the number of patients and the fact the referrals are scattered to various facilities (given the ability of a facility to take the patient at issue) that the lack of our referrals to these facilities would have any impact on them. However, the availability of behavioral health services MSMC would be of significant benefit to our patients. The number of elder patients we are seeing is increasing due to the "baby boomer" generation growing older and we believe this problem will only increase in the future as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan A. Roman, MD
Managing Partner, Pronger Smith Medical Group

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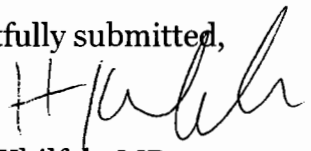
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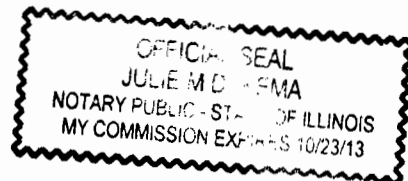
Dear Members of the Illinois Facilities and Services Review Board:

Reference is made to my letter of July 30, 2012. To be specific, in 2013 I anticipate referring 14 patients to MSMC and in 2014 14 patients to MSMC. This is based on my prior experience in referring patients from the zip codes in the Hospital's primary and secondary service areas (attached) for care and/or treating a patient in the ED of these areas that had a diagnosis warranting acute psychiatric care. I have provided total referral information for all of my practice in my prior letter, referred to herein. While I understand my referrals cannot exceed total historic referrals, I do want the Board to understand that in my practice I have seen a growing number of elderly patients generally, and thus an increase by sheer population increase in the number of elderly patients with acute psychiatric issues. I therefore do expect the number of referrals I make generally for this type of service, whether to MSMC or otherwise, to increase in upcoming years as the elder population continues to grow and we as practitioners become better at identifying and assisting elders experiencing acute behavioral health issues. Thank you.

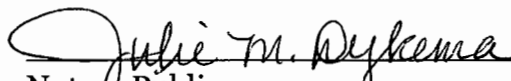
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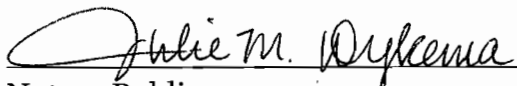
I am writing to clarify my referral letter in support of the MSMC application to establish a behavioral health service. I and the physicians referred to in the letter are all physicians who practice in the Emergency Department at MSMC. The 151 patients seen in 2011 were seen in the MSMC ED and had to be referred outside of the area to hospitals that provided behavioral health services. These patients were referred to a broad range of facilities, many far outside of their communities, due to the lack of behavioral health services. This is particularly difficult for elderly patients. All of the 151 patients would be referred to MSMC in 2013 and 2014 if they were to present to the MSMC ED in those years. I anticipate the number of patients requiring care will increase as the elderly patient population generally increases. The referrals from the MSMC ED have been to various locations throughout the area and significantly beyond it because we refer to those units that are open and willing and/or able to take the patient. Many services for example do not have a bed available or do not provide psychiatric services to patients 65 or older so it is not always easy to place the patient in the area. This is again difficult for these patients. I fully support the establishment of a behavioral health service at MSMC. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Nussbaum, MD, FACEP
On behalf of Emergency Care Physician Services

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