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February 23, 2015

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Permit Relinquish Request: #13-053, RCG - Evanston
Permit Holder: Dialysis Centers of America - Illinois, Inc. and Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc.
Permit Amount: \$151,550

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please be advised that Fresenius Medical Care is intending to relinquish the above mentioned Certificate of Need permit for the addition of 6 stations to a 14-station ESRD facility.

On December 17, 2013 the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved Fresenius Medical Care's application to install 6 additional stations to an existing 14-station ESRD facility located at 2953 Central Street, 1st Floor, Evanston. Total permitted project costs were \$151,550 and the expected completion date was December 31, 2015.

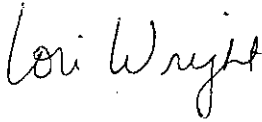
This project originated as a response to increasing utilization at the Evanston clinic which had seen significant growth over the previous two years. Since permit approval the facility has experienced a tapering off of growth and is now at 68% utilization. It appears there is ample room at the facility for new patients and it is not currently feasible to open up these 6 additional stations.

At the time the permit was granted there was a need for 82 stations in HSA 7 and that need now is only 24 stations. Placing these 6 stations back into the inventory will bring the need to 30 stations. This will not have any impact on the Evanston area as both the Fresenius Evanston and DaVita Evanston ESRD facilities are operating in the mid 60% utilization range. If the Fresenius Evanston facility sees a significant increase in utilization it will address the need for additional access by adding 2 stations at a time per the 2-year, 10% rule.

Based on the above information, Fresenius Medical Care requests approval of its permit relinquishment request for Permit #13-053, RCG-Evanston. Enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 for the permit relinquishment processing fee.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 630-960-6807.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Wright".

Lori Wright
Senior CON Specialist

cc: Clare Ranalli