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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Support Letter for Huntley Dialysis Project #15-049

As the Chief Executive Officer of Centegra Health System, I am writing in support of Huntley Dialysis, Project #15-049. The proposed project will establish a 12-station dialysis facility at 10350 Haligus Road on the same campus as Centegra Hospital-Huntley. The proposed facility will complement the hospital and existing services offered on the campus such as primary and specialty physician care, immediate care, outpatient therapy services and wellness and fitness services.

From 2000 to 2010, the population of Huntley quadrupled from 5,953 to 24,291. Much of the growth was in the 65+ age cohort, which increased six fold during that same period, from 1,004 to 7,082. With the rise in obesity, diabetes and hypertension in middle aged and older adults, chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a substantial concern for the elderly with both an increasing incidence of treated kidney failure with dialysis as well as a high prevalence of earlier stages of CKD.

There is currently no dialysis facility located in Huntley. The closest facility is in Dundee, 7 miles from the proposed location in Huntley. In 2014, that facility operated at the state's target occupancy rate of 80%. Additionally, the Nov. 17, 2015 Revised Need Determination for End Stage Renal Dialysis (ESRD) Stations states that there are 34 ESRD stations needed in Health Service Area 8. This project will help meet some of the calculated need.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support the proposed project.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Eesley
Chief Executive Officer
Centegra Health System