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Via Federal Express
Via E-Mail

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
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Re: DaVita Whiteside Dialysis (Proj. No. 16-051) – Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of DaVita Inc. and Renal Treatment Centers – Illinois, Inc. (collectively “DaVita”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced DaVita Whiteside Dialysis application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting. This project proposes to relocate DaVita Whiteside Dialysis. It is critical the CON Application be heard at the March 14, 2017 meeting as the lease for the existing facility terminates in May 2018. If the CON Application is approved, DaVita would hope the replacement facility would be operational by the end of the second quarter of 2018.

In filing the CON Application, DaVita seeks authority from the State Board to relocate its existing 15 station dialysis facility. DaVita leases for the space housing the existing DaVita Whiteside Dialysis from CGH Medical Center. The lease expires in May 2018, and CGH Medical Center notified DaVita it will not renew the lease upon expiration as it plans to repurpose the space for other uses to support the business needs of CGH Medical Center. The replacement facility will be a ground-up build. To ensure current patients at the existing facility can continue to dialyze without interruption, DaVita respectfully requests State Board consider the DaVita Whiteside Dialysis application at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the DaVita Whiteside Dialysis CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne M. Cooper'.

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