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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Re: Project #17-003, Fresenius Medical Care Gurnee

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to request your approval of an expedited review of the Fresenius Medical Care Gurnee 8-station expansion CON application to be heard on the March 14, 2017 agenda. The Gurnee facility is currently full and gearing up to begin a 4th daily treatment shift which is a hardship on ESRD patients, especially the elderly and those new to dialysis.

The closest facilities to Gurnee serve medically underserved areas and are also operating at high utilization rates, severely restricting access in this area of Lake County (Fresenius Waukegan Harbor is at 90% and DaVita Waukegan at 108% utilization). The sooner the project is heard, and hopefully approved, the sooner we can give the Gurnee patients some relief with additional access. Since we just relocated this facility into a new structure, we can have the stations ready for certification inspection within approximately 30 days post permitting.

I believe the application will meet Board criteria and respectfully ask that you consider expediting its hearing to the March 14, 2017 meeting.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright
Senior CON Specialist

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