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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Kathryn Olson
Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62716

Re: #17-005, Chicago Vascular ASC

Dear Ms. Olson:

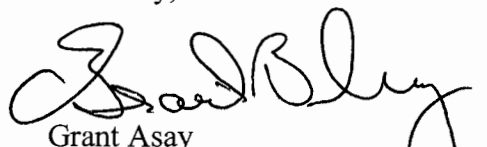
As General Manager at Fresenius Kidney Care who oversees our Illinois dialysis clinics, I am writing to express my full support for Chicago Vascular ASC located in Westmont. In Chicago and the Metropolitan area we serve over 7,500 patients suffering from end stage renal disease (ESRD) that require dialysis services. For these patients a highly functioning vascular access site for dialysis treatment is imperative. Dr. Makris and fellow surgeons at his vascular access practice served over 4,600 dialysis patients last year, of which 1,974 were dialyzing at a Fresenius clinic.

They have a long-standing commitment to high quality patient care. Through their vascular expertise they provide optimum services that are easily accessible, conveniently scheduled, readily available for emergencies and result in quality outcomes for dialysis patients.

Our clinical staff witness firsthand the difference there is in the quality of the patient's treatment when they have readily available access to a vascular access surgery center with highly skilled surgeons who perform vascular access on a regular basis. The center also provides continuity of care as the patients are able to return to the same surgeons for ongoing maintenance of their access.

I appreciate the opportunity to lend my support for the continued use of Dr. Makris' facility as an ASC.

Sincerely,


Grant Asay
General Manager, Midwest Group