



June 21, 2018

Kathryn Olson, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Support Letter for Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream (Proj. No. 17-013)

Dear Chair Olson,

I am the CEO of the Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce and I write to express our support for DaVita's Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic to be located in our community. We closely partner with the Carol Stream business community and are committed to ensuring the Village has a thriving economy to help ensure success for generations to come.

As you may know, Carol Stream is home to more than 43,000 residents, and approximately 112,000 people reside in the associated township of Bloomingdale. The area has seen rapid growth and the DuPage County population has nearly doubled since 1970. The County has a diverse economy with over 695,000 jobs and has become a major economic driver for northeast Illinois. The Village also offers modern schools, a large park district and a strong industrial sector. With these developments, it is a great time to live and work in Carol Stream.

Our Chamber of Commerce is committed to ensuring that this continues to be the case for residents of our village, including those who suffer from chronic disease. In furtherance of this goal, we fully support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to provide access to dialysis services in Carol Stream.

Dialysis is of critical importance to residents who have kidney disease. Those who develop End-Stage Renal Failure typically require dialysis three times per week, every week to survive and each treatment takes several hours. It can be difficult for patients and their caregivers to commit this time to their treatment and can cause them to miss time away from their work and families. This is especially true today as Carol Stream does not have any dialysis clinics in our village and area clinics are nearing capacity. For this reason, we fully support the proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic to improve access to our residents who need this care.

We are also happy to welcome DaVita, a major dialysis provider in the nation, to the area. Their presence will allow new residents or their family members who may presently use DaVita elsewhere to seamlessly continue their care in Carol Stream.

The Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed clinic and respectfully requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic to improve access for our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miriam Iwrey', written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

Miriam Iwrey
Chief Executive Officer, Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce

DUPAGE *Health* COALITION

Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Support Letter for Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream – Project 17-013

Dear Ms. Avery,

DuPage Health Coalition and Access DuPage are pleased to support the planed Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic to be located in Carol Stream. The DuPage Health Coalition operates Access DuPage, a collaborative effort to provide access to medical services to DuPage County's low-income, medically underserved residents. Since Access DuPage began in 2001, more than 50,000 area residents have received high quality, compassionate health care through Access DuPage. Each dollar of direct service provided by our organization is matched by more than ten dollars of donated health care generously provided by area hospitals, physicians and health clinics.

Access DuPage's main offices are in Carol Stream at a location just blocks from the proposed location of Geneva Crossing Dialysis. We are very familiar with the needs of this community and the medically complex patients we serve. Our patients have high rates of diabetes and other chronic health diseases that can lead to kidney disease. These health risks are particularly acute for our patient population, as many have not received primary health care services for several years before Access DuPage enrollment. Many of our patients will require short-term or long-term dialysis in the course of their care, and we would welcome the opportunity to have these patients receive their dialysis care at Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

Like other areas in Illinois, DuPage County is feeling the impact of an aging population. Each year, the number of individuals over age 65 grows significantly. Geneva Crossing will help serve our aging and changing population, addressing anticipated shortages before they reach critical levels and patients must seek care elsewhere. For residents of Carol Stream, this clinic will also be the first outpatient hemodialysis clinic in the village, allowing these patients to dialyze near home.

From a patient care perspective, DuPage Medical Group has been a valued and leading partner in our mission, providing our uninsured patients with high quality primary and specialty care services. We estimate that one out of every three specialty care referrals through our program is treated by a DMG physician. The proposed clinic will help DMG further its treatment of area patients and will allow the practice to collaborate with DaVita to treat their shared dialysis patients.

The DuPage Health Coalition fully supports DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's planned Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic. We respectfully request that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the clinic.

Sincerely,



Kara Murphy
President
DuPage Health Coalition and Access DuPage

PETER J. ROSKAM

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Re: Support for project 17-013, Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream

Dear Members of the Review Board:

As a consistent advocate for quality health care across the 6th District of Illinois, I would like to encourage you to approve a Certificate of Need for DaVita and the DuPage Medical Group's proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis in Carol Stream (project 17-013).

Since I'm also a resident of DuPage County, I believe it's in the best interest of my community to see expanded excellence for the treatment of people with chronic kidney disease and end stage renal disease. DaVita consistently rates highest in total performance among all large dialysis organizations, and I have complete confidence in the professionalism of physicians within the DuPage Medical Group.

DuPage Medical Group already treats thousands of patients within their nephrology practice, and this proposed clinic will help serve these patients with a multi-disciplinary team of health care professionals under an integrated kidney care model. The combination of Chicagoland's leading multi-specialty physician group and the nation's clinical leader in kidney disease care and management represents a unique opportunity to address the need for dialysis services for DuPage County residents. Plus, every indication is the need for dialysis will expand in DuPage County as the population continues to grow and people live longer, healthier, active lives.

I urge you to vote yes and encourage the expansion of DaVita and the DuPage Medical Group within my congressional district and hometown community.

Very truly yours,


PETER J. ROSKAM
Member of Congress