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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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RE: Support for Geneva Crossing Dialysis, Carol Stream – Project 17-013

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in support of DuPage Medical Group proposed Geneva Crossing Dialysis clinic to be located in Carol Stream where there are currently no dialysis clinics. VNA Health Care operates a health clinic in Carol Stream, less than one mile from the proposed site of Geneva Crossing Dialysis.

Over our 100 year history, VNA Health Care has provided patient-centered, community-based, high quality, affordable health care to patients in the Chicago suburbs. We are the largest Federally Qualified Health ("FQHC") in the Chicago suburbs, serving over 72,000 patients annually. Among FQHCs, we rank among the top 30% nationally for quality outcomes in multiple measures.

DuPage Medical Group has been a valued partner in our mission. Through its generous contributions through the DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund of the DuPage Foundation, DuPage Medical Group supports our mission to deliver high quality, affordable care when patients need it; in a location they can access; and given by someone who knows them. DuPage Medical group shares VNA's commitment to coordination of care across networks and specialties, and this proposed clinic with DaVita is in line with their long-standing collaborative mission and will further improve care for area patients who require dialysis.

VNA Health Care serves a large multi-ethnic population that is 65% Hispanic and 14% African American who are under- or uninsured. These populations have high rates of diabetes and other chronic health diseases. As you know, diabetes is a main risk factor for developing kidney disease. This patient population is especially vulnerable as a result of often irregular access to primary care in the past. In the event that one of our patients in need requires short-term or long-term dialysis, we would welcome the opportunity to have these patients receive their dialysis care from DMG and DaVita.

VNA Health Care is pleased to support DuPage Medical Group's proposed collaboration with DaVita in establishing Geneva Crossing Dialysis. We encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this clinic to better serve residents and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

Linnea Windel  
President & CEO