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Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board
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RE: Proposed In-Center Hemodialysis Facilities
#17-013 - Geneva Crossing Dialysis (Carol Stream, Illinois)
#17-014 - Rutgers Park Dialysis (Woodridge, Illinois)
#17-015 - Stone Quarry Dialysis (Hodgkins, Illinois)
#17-016 - Salt Creek Dialysis (Villa Park, Illinois)

Dear Chair Olson and Members of the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board:

I am writing to express support of the Certificate Of Need requests filed by DaVita Inc. and DuPage Medical Group, Ltd. for the development of new In-Center Hemodialysis facilities to provide life-sustaining dialysis treatment, education, and support for patients with kidney disease.

I am a Nephrologist, part of DuPage Medical Group ("DMG"). Throughout its history and my working with this medical group, DMG has developed a leading environment of care coordination and collaboration among its medical staff, focusing on the delivery of high quality, innovative clinical care.

I mainly work in Joliet area, and I find it a significant need to have those new DaVita facilities serving my patients in that growing area,

I can personally attest to success of DMG's care model and commitment to innovation for our patients and providers.

I believe that this collaboration will make medical care of dialysis patient way more efficient and cost effective, since the dialysis patient will be under very close care of his Nephrologist, thing that will definitely save lots of time, money, admission, and most importantly more patient satisfaction,

We have tools and protocols that make scheduling and appointment functions easier for patients, increasing their adherence to treatment plans and the monitoring of their health.

In partnership with DaVita, I believe DMG can offer dialysis patients an improved model of care. Dialysis patients are among the most complex within the entire health care spectrum. I hope DMG and DaVita are afforded an opportunity to implement innovations for dialysis care within the community.

For these reasons, I ask that the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board approve the dialysis facility applications submitted by DuPage Medical Group and DaVita.

Sincerely,
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