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RE: Support Letter for Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge – Project 17-014

Dear Chair Olson,

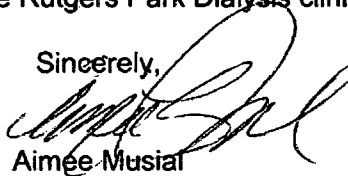
On behalf of Wynscape Health and Rehabilitation, I write to voice my support of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to be built in Woodridge. Woodridge is a vibrant community that has seen the development of an additional senior assisted living community and recently welcomed a new independent community as well. At Wynscape Health and Rehabilitation in Wheaton, we work with many seniors from this area who are rehabilitating after a surgery or illness.

Many of our residents also suffer from age-related illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, and some of our patients require dialysis three days a week. If a patient needs dialysis, we help them schedule their appointments and provide transportation to area clinics. This is not an easy routine for our residents because if they cannot schedule their appointments during the second shift time slot, their time away from the center can cause them to miss therapy or other treatments that are necessary for their recovery. We often have issues with the availability of open chairs at appropriate times of the day. Nearby clinics are heavily utilized and it is difficult to add new residents to those clinics, especially for the second shift. Because area dialysis clinics have limited windows of availability for dialysis treatments, we often make multiple trips when our residents are unable to schedule overlapping appointment times. We do our best to be flexible, but we hear from our residents that reduced availability is also difficult for others who need to schedule their dialysis around work schedules or other commitment they or their sources of transportation have.

Wynscape is committed to the health of our residents. We will continue to transport residents to the dialysis clinics of their choice and to help our residents recover and achieve their health care goals, regardless of their comorbidities or other challenges. DaVita, which has received many accolades for its quality programs, does not currently operate any clinics in DuPage County. We also expect that its coordination of care with DuPage Medical Group physicians will optimize outcomes for its patients.

The Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help address these access issues and ensure our area seniors continue to have access to the care they need. Wynscape Health and Rehabilitation fully supports the proposed clinic to help serve our residents and others in the Woodridge area. We respectfully request that you approve Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic.

Sincerely,



Aimee Musial
Administrator

Wynscape Health and Rehabilitation

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Dear Chair Olson,

I write to voice my support for the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic on behalf of Access DuPage and the thousands of patients we support each year. Operated by the DuPage Health Coalition, Access DuPage is a collaborative effort to provide access to medical services to DuPage County's low-income, medically underserved residents. Since our program began in 2001, more than 50,000 area residents have received high quality, coordinated, comprehensive and compassionate health care through Access DuPage. Every 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.

DuPage Medical Group has been a valued and leading partner in our mission, providing our uninsured patients high quality primary and specialty care services. Indeed, an estimated one of out of every three specialty care referrals through our program is provided by a DMG specialist, and donated services commonly exceed \$1 million dollars annually. Their approach clearly emphasizes coordination of care across networks and specialties, and their proposed project with DaVita is in line with their long-standing collaborative mission. The proposed clinic will help DuPage Medical Group and DaVita further improve care for area patients who require dialysis.

Here at Access DuPage, we care for a medically complicated patient population. Many in Access DuPage's patient population have high rates of diabetes and other chronic health diseases. As you know, diabetes is a main risk factor for developing kidney disease, and this patient population is especially vulnerable because they often have not received primary care services for many years before connecting with our organization. Many of our patients require short-term or long-term dialysis and we would welcome the opportunity to have these patients receive their dialysis services from DMG and DaVita.

In light of the changing and aging DuPage County population, we also support this project for its efforts to address the growing need for dialysis services before we experience critical shortages in the area.

The DuPage Health Coalition fully supports DuPage Medical Group and DaVita's proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic and we encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project to better serve residents of Woodridge and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,



Kara R. Murphy
President
DuPage Health Coalition and Access DuPage



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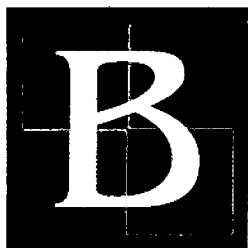
RE: Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge, Project 17-014

Dear Chair Olson,

On behalf of Burgess Square Healthcare and Rehab Centre, I am writing in support of the DaVita proposal to build a dialysis clinic in Woodridge. Woodridge is a developing community that has recently seen the development of additional senior communities with a new senior assisted living development and a new independent living community. At Burgess Square Healthcare and Rehab Centre in nearby Westmont, we provide long term residential and short-term rehabilitation therapy, including specialty care for Joint Replacement and Orthopedic Injuries, Stroke Rehabilitation, Cardiopulmonary Management, Oncology, Post-Surgical Recuperation, Pain Management and Wound Care.

We often care for elderly individuals suffering from age-related illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension and some of our patients require dialysis three days a week. If a patient needs dialysis, we transport residents to their dialysis clinic appointments. This is not an easy routine for our patients and for our short-term rehab patients, if the patient does not have a chair assigned to him at the best time, the time away from the center can cause them to miss therapy or other treatments that are necessary for their rehabilitation goals. We routinely have issues with the availability of open chairs at appropriate times of the day. Other clinics that are closest to our center are Bolingbrook, Downers Grove and Naperville are heavily utilized and it is very difficult to add new residents to those clinics, especially for the second shift which is least disruptive to the other care our residents receive in our center. The dialysis clinics have limited windows of availability for dialysis treatments which can require us to make multiple trips when our residents are unable to schedule overlapping appointment times. We can generally be flexible but we hear from our residents that reduced availability is harder for others who need to schedule their dialysis around work schedules or other commitments they or their sources of transportation have.

Burgess Square is committed to the health of our residents and we will continue to transport residents to the dialysis clinics of their choice. DaVita, which has received many accolades for its quality programs does not currently operate any clinics in DuPage County. We also expect that its coordination of care with DuPage Medical Group physicians will optimize outcomes for its patients.



Burgess Square
Healthcare & Rehab Centre

Burgess Square Healthcare and Rehab Centre fully supports the proposed DaVita Rutgers Park dialysis to improve health care access for our aging residents. We ask that you approve the CON Rutgers Park Dialysis.

Very Truly Yours,

John Vrba
Chief Executive Officer



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RE: Support Letter for Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge (Proj. No. 17-014)

Dear Chair Olson,

I am the Executive Director of West Suburban Community Pantry, a year-round food pantry that works to ensure eligible families in DuPage County receive nutritionally balanced food, including meats, dairy, and fresh produce monthly. We are also registered as an emergency food pantry for Illinois and we work toward the goal of eradicating hunger in the DuPage County area. In 2017 alone, we distributed 1.4 million pounds of food and serviced 40,781 individuals, including 15,918 children and 5,459 senior citizens.

Through this work, we serve some of the most vulnerable in our community. We therefore support the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic in Woodridge to help serve a similarly vulnerable population - those living with kidney disease.

We know first-hand the importance of having adequate community resources in the area and would like to help ensure DuPage County residents who need dialysis can receive it in their community. Given current usage rates of area clinics, we understand this may soon become an issue in Woodridge and that patients are having difficulty scheduling dialysis treatments that accommodate their or their caregiver's schedules. We hope the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help alleviate that burden and enable patients to focus on their health and well-being.

We ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board accept our support for this proposed clinic and approve Rutgers Park Dialysis.

Sincerely,

Laura Coyle

Executive Director, West Suburban Community Pantry



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Dear Chair Olson,

I write on behalf of People's Resource Center to voice our support for DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to be located in Woodridge.

I am the Executive Director of People's Resource Center, a grassroots, community-supported organization that serves nearly 30,000 DuPage County residents each year. With our team of volunteers, we offer nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for community members facing tough times. We also connect people with resources—education and tutoring, jobs, technology, art, a caring community—to create a future of hope and opportunity for all. PRC is able to provide these services because of the generosity and support from our neighbors, including DuPage Medical Group. For years, DMG has been a valued partner in our efforts, supporting our food pantry through volunteer and financial support.

Our work focuses on connecting vulnerable residents, including many area seniors, with the services and resources they need. In furtherance of this, we support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to address the growing need for dialysis services in Woodridge. We hope the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help bring needed resources to seniors and other vulnerable neighbors in DuPage County.

People's Resource Center fully supports the proposed dialysis clinic and respectfully requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Fabian
Executive Director, People's Resource Center



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RE: Support Letter for Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge (Project No. 17-014)

Dear Kathryn,

I am the President and CEO of Little Friends, a multi-faceted human services agency that empowers clients with autism and other developmental disabilities to thrive in our community. Our groundbreaking programs and nationally-renowned staff provide lifelong opportunities for growth, so our clients can work, learn, play and experience the joy of life's everyday moment.

I write to voice my support for the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to be located in Woodridge. While our clients fortunately do not require dialysis care, we know first-hand the importance of having adequate community health resources in the area and would like to help ensure area residents those who need dialysis can receive it in our community. Given current usage rates of area clinics, we understand this may soon become an issue in Woodridge and that patients are having difficulty scheduling dialysis treatments that accommodate their or their caregiver's schedules. We hope the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help alleviate that burden and enable patients to focus on their well-being and continue living their lives as normally as possible.

Please accept our support for the clinic. We respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the project to ensure ongoing access to these necessary health services.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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RE: Support Letter for Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge (Proj. No. 17-014)

Dear Chair Olson,

Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley is proud to support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to be located in Woodridge, Illinois.

Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley is one of the Midwest's leading providers outpatient medical rehabilitation therapies and services for children with developmental delays and disabilities. Our therapists and other health professionals help each child we serve reach critical milestones build a foundation for continued development. Our goal is to help each child gain greater independence and reach their goals. We include families as active participants in our program and offer the support network families need.

Through our work, we know firsthand the importance accessible health services. The proposed clinic will help address the growing demand for dialysis in the area, helping patients to have better appointment scheduling options and alleviating anticipated dialysis shortages in the area before patients must leave their community to seek care. In furtherance of this, we support DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's efforts to address the growing need for dialysis services in Woodridge.

We understand that area clinics are nearing capacity and that it is becoming difficult for residents to schedule dialysis appointments that fit their schedules. We hope the Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic will help alleviate that burden and enable patients to schedule their dialysis around their lives instead of their lives around their dialysis.

Easterseals fully supports the proposed dialysis clinic and respectfully requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Johnson".

Erik Johnson
Vice President
Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley

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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Illinois Department of Public Health
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Re: Support Letter for DaVita Rutgers Park Dialysis Clinic (HFSRB #: 17-014)

I am the Chief Operating Officer of RML Specialty Hospital, and I am writing in support of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposal to establish a 12-station dialysis clinic in Woodridge. RML is licensed as an acute care hospital in the State of Illinois and has a Medicare designation as a long-term acute care hospital ("LTCH"). RML is licensed for a total of 201 beds between two locations, Hinsdale and Chicago. RML is a recognized national leader for ventilator weaning, wound care, and medically complex patient rehabilitation and is the LTCH of choice in the Chicago area, receiving referrals from over 60 hospitals.

RML serves patients with catastrophic illnesses complicated by multiple medical issues over a broad range of diagnoses. Many suffer from multiple organ system failure; about 20 % of our patients receive dialysis. Most patients admitted to RML arrive directly from the intensive care unit of short-stay acute care hospitals; over 95% have spent at least three days in an ICU. Our average length of stay is about 34 days as our patients need time to recover and build strength and stamina.

RML has contracted with DaVita since 2010 to provide dialysis services to our patients. Over this time, Davita has proven to be a valuable partner in the care we provide for our patients. Their skills, knowledge, problem-solving, and collaborative approach have advanced our care and are deeply appreciated. It is reassuring to know our patients can receive the same high level of support for their chronic dialysis needs after they transition to one of Davita's centers in the community.

RML offers our enthusiastic support for the DaVita Rutgers Park Dialysis in nearby Woodridge (HFSRB #: 17-014) and encourages the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposed dialysis clinic. We know this care is greatly needed in the community as dialysis seats can be difficult to find.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Pawola
Chief Operating Officer
RML Specialty Hospital