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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

RE: Support Letter for:

Romeoville Dialysis, Romeoville – Project 17-043

Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge – Project 17-014

Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park – Project 17-016

Dear Chair Olson,

I write in support of DuPage Medical Group's proposed Dialysis clinics. Over our 100 year history, we have 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 get to; and given by someone who knows them. DuPage Medical shares our commitment to coordination of care across networks and specialties, and these proposed projects with DaVita are in line with their long-standing collaborative mission and will further improve care for area patients who require dialysis.

We serve a large, multi-ethnic population that is 65% Hispanic and 14% African American who have little or no insurance. 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 services from DMG and DaVita.

VNA Health Care is pleased to support DuPage Medical Group's proposed collaboration with Da Vita in establishing these Dialysis clinics and we encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve these projects to better serve residents and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for DaVita Rutgers Park Dialysis, Project 17-014

Dear Ms. Olson:

I write to express my support for DaVita's proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic in Woodridge. As you likely know, rates of kidney disease are continuing to rise in the state. This is largely due to our aging baby boomers who tend to experience higher rates of organ failure due to their age and other comorbidities. We are also seeing higher rates of kidney disease due to the American lifestyle and issues that result, such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes, which each increase an individual's risk for kidney failure.

Woodridge has been heavily impacted by these trends, and the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic is necessary to meet the significant community needs for increased access to dialysis services. It is crucial that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic to ensure area residents who require dialysis care can receive high-quality services, in their community, at the times that accommodate their other activities or work schedules (or those of their caregivers).

I fully support this proposed clinic and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Rutgers Park Dialysis.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Smith", written over a horizontal line.

Brian Smith

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Re: Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park - Project 17-016

Romeoville Dialysis, Romeoville -Project 17-043

Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge -- Project 17-014

May 15, 2018

Dear Chair Olson,

Edward-Elmhurst Health, representing Edward and Elmhurst Hospitals, supports the development of services that improve access and promote the health of the communities we serve. Toward this end, we support the above-referenced dialysis projects providing capacity issues exist in the targeted areas.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Chair Olson,

I am a co-owner of Zigfield Troy Golf in Woodridge and I write in support of the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis Clinic.

We have served golf enthusiasts in Woodridge since 1976 when my father relocated the range to Woodridge and built the adjoining Par-3 golf course. In addition to co-running Zigfield Troy with my brother, Dennis, I have also spent the last 29 years teaching golf to area residents who want to improve their games. In the course of this, I have come into contact with many area seniors. Golfing is a wonderful way for active seniors to spend the days outdoors. Unfortunately, this becomes difficult for some residents who suffer from chronic diseases, including kidney disease. One long-time Zigfield Troy golfer in the area recently succumbed to kidney disease. We have become all too familiar with the toll this illness can take on an individual.

Because of this, we strongly support the proposed project and DaVita's efforts to provide area residents with improved access to in-center dialysis. This will help ensure area seniors and others in the area who suffer from kidney failure will have the access they need to maintain their health and continue, as much as possible, to lead the lifestyles they enjoy. On their behalf, we at Zigfield Troy respectfully request that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Rutgers Dialysis.

Regards,

Tim Troy, PGA
Co-Owner, Zigfield Troy Golf



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

Dear Chair Olson,

On behalf of the 700 businesses that are Members of Chamber630, I am writing to you in support of DaVita's Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to be located in Woodridge. Chamber630 is one of the largest business organizations in DuPage County and we are committed to the success and well-being of those within this region.

As you may know, the Woodridge area is rapidly growing, and grew by nearly one-third from 2013 to 2017 alone. On behalf of the area business community, Chamber 630 is thrilled to see the local economy doing well and new families moving to town. There is an ongoing housing boom in the area and Woodridge has welcomed its second senior assisted living community. By many accounts, it is a wonderful time to be in Woodridge.

However, such rapid growth also brings its own challenges, including strain on our existing healthcare infrastructure. Chamber 630 and local businesses care about area residents and want to ensure they have the services they need. We also pay special attention to these issues because they can hurt business efforts to recruit valuable employees.

For potential employees whose families are personally impacted by chronic disease, the area health infrastructure is of great importance to them when considering their options for relocation. This includes convenient access to dialysis services; something that has challenged area residents lately given that existing clinics have few stations available for new patients and limited appointment times available to accommodate patients' schedules. Chamber 630 welcomes DaVita and the proposed Rutgers Park Dialysis clinic to the area to help address these community needs. We are also pleased to have a new major provider in the area as it will allow new employees or their family members who may use DaVita presently to seamlessly continue such care in Woodridge.

Chamber 630 supports the proposed clinic and respectfully requests that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Rutgers Park Dialysis to improve access to dialysis in Woodridge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Crawford".

Laura Crawford
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