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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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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,

Chrissie Howorth
V.P. of Philanthropy & Communications



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RE: Support Letter for Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park (Proj. No. 17-016)

Dear Chair Olson,

I am the Executive Director of Teen Parent Connection, and I am writing in support of DaVita and DuPage Medical Group's proposal to establish a 12 station dialysis clinic in Villa Park. Teen Parent Connection is a nonprofit agency serving teen parents in DuPage County as they navigate the challenges of both parenthood and adolescence.

Families need strong communities to ensure children get the best possible start in life. For nearly three decades Teen Parent Connection has worked to build a seamless network of support to the families we serve. Access to health care services is critical to ensuring a strong community.

Villa Park is a community of approximately 22,000, but the population is aging and needs access to critical health care services. The single dialysis clinic in Villa Park is operating at 90% utilization and will not be able to accommodate future dialysis patients. A second clinic is necessary to ensure patients suffering from kidney disease have access to life saving dialysis in their own community. My family has been personally affected by kidney disease, which required dialysis, so I understand the importance of having a dialysis clinic close to home.

Teen Parent Connection fully supports DuPage Medical Group's and DaVita's proposed Salt Creek Dialysis clinic and we encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project to better serve residents of Villa Park and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,



Becky Beilruss
Executive Director
Teen Parent Connection

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RE: Support Letter for Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park (Proj. No. 17-016)

Dear Chair Olson,

As a member of the Villa Park Chamber of Commerce, we support DaVita's and DuPage Medical Group's proposal to open a 12 station dialysis clinic in Villa Park.

As you may know, DuPage County, where Villa Park is located, is growing rapidly. As an area organization, we are thrilled to see the local economy doing well and new families moving to the area. However, such rapid growth also brings its own challenges, including strain on our existing healthcare infrastructure.

Local businesses and organizations pay special attention to these issues because it can hurt our efforts to recruit valuable members. We need robust healthcare and other community resources to make our community attractive to those considering relocating from Chicago or other areas of the state. For potential members whose families are personally impacted by chronic disease, such infrastructure is of great importance to them when considering their options for relocation. This includes convenient access to dialysis services; something which has challenged area residents lately given that existing clinics have limited availability for new patients and limited time slots available to accommodate patients' schedules.

For this reason, we welcome DaVita and the proposed Salt Creek Dialysis clinic to the area. We are also pleased to have a new major provider in the area as it will allow new and existing members or their family members, who may use DaVita presently, to seamlessly continue such care in Villa Park.

Our organization fully supports the proposed clinic and these efforts to improve access to health services in Villa Park.

Sincerely,

Bill Degnan

Bill Degnan
President – Villa Park Warriors



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RE: Support Letter for Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park (Proj. No. 17-016)

Dear Chair Olson,

I write to voice my support for the proposed Salt Creek Dialysis clinic on behalf of Connecting with Love. We are committed to fostering a feeling of community between all people through the love and support of local, national and international causes that serve the needs of all of God's creation. We believe access to health care services is paramount for a strong community.

Villa Park is a community of approximately 22,000, but our population is aging and needs access to health care services. The single dialysis clinic in Villa Park is operating at 90% utilization and will not be able to accommodate future dialysis patients. A second clinic is necessary to ensure patients suffering from kidney disease have access to life saving dialysis. I know firsthand the importance of having adequate access to dialysis services. My late uncle required dialysis for many years and I drove him to his appointments. We ended up seeking his dialysis at a clinic in Elmhurst because those clinics closer to his home were nearly full and we could not schedule him for appointments during times that accommodated my work schedule. I welcome the new Salt Creek Dialysis clinic so that area residents may have better access than my uncle experienced.

Connecting with Love fully supports DuPage Medical Group's and DaVita's proposed Salt Creek Dialysis clinic and we encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project to better serve residents of Villa Park and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maureen O'Connor".

Rev. Maureen O'Connor

Founder, Connecting with Love
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