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Kathryn J. Olson, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Support for Illini Renal Relocation and Expansion, Project No. 17-032

Dear Chair Olson:

The Carle Foundation Hospital is a non-profit, regional, teaching hospital serving a large area of East Central Illinois. It is a safety net hospital for the region and is an IDPH designated Regional Hospital Coordinating Center. This letter is written in support of the Illini Renal Certificate of Need permit application to expand and relocate its outpatient hemodialysis program in Champaign, Illinois. In providing dialysis services, Illini Renal, an affiliate of DaVita, serves patients suffering from end-stage renal disease residing in Champaign County and surrounding areas in collaboration with Carle Physician Group providers and Carle Foundation Hospital. Expansion of this dialysis facility in connection with its relocation will ensure adequate access to these services as demand in the area grows.

In seeking to expand and relocate, Illini Renal will redesign the treatment floor space plan to enhance patient care and will also address other physical plant issues in its current space which impede patient access to the dialysis center.

Fifteen percent (15%) of US adults are estimated to have chronic kidney disease so dialysis is a critical service. Carle Physician Group doctors carefully monitor patients with diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease and those who are obese whose risk of suffering from CKD is higher but the progression of CKD cannot always be stopped.

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services and has received numerous awards for its commitment to quality and care coordination with a focus on chronic kidney disease education, physician education and support, reductions in hospital stays, and AV fistula placement with programs like Kidney Smart, CathAway, Patient Pathways and IMPACT.

Carle urges the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this relocation and expansion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Beever".

Stephanie Beever
Executive Vice President and System Chief Strategy Officer