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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Kathryn Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #17-038, Fresenius Kidney Care South Elgin

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to request your approval of an expedited review of the Fresenius Kidney Care South Elgin application to be heard on the November 14, 2017 agenda. The extreme high utilization in the Elgin market is severely restricting access to dialysis services. Currently the Fresenius Elgin facility is operating at 89% utilization even after opening 6 additional stations last year. The other Elgin facility, DaVita Cobblestone, is operating at 101%. The next closest facility serving the Elgin market is ARA Carpentersville at 103% utilization. It is imperative that we are able to begin this project, if approved, as soon as possible in order to maintain access in this area.

The Elgin market consists of a large disadvantaged minority population that is at an increased risk of diabetes and high blood pressure leading to kidney failure. This is evident in the 8% average yearly growth rate of ESRD patients in the market from 2010-2015. The State growth rate is 4%.

I respectfully ask that you consider expediting its hearing to the November 14th meeting.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright
Senior CON Specialist

cc: Clare Connor