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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
2nd Floor  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center  
Project #17-059

Dear Ms. Avery:

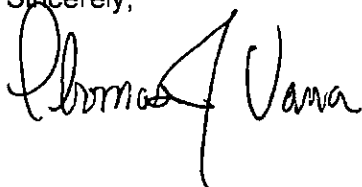
As Thomas J. Vana President and CEO of Kurtz Ambulance Service, I strongly support the Expansion of Services project at the Deerpath Orthopedic Surgical Center in Morris. This project will allow the Center to become a full service ambulatory surgery ASTC and coordinate with Morris Hospital's network of healthcare services. It will enhance the operations of both facilities, as they are the only Hospital and ASTC in Grundy County. Among the benefits of this project include:

- Improvement to the patient experience by providing more convenience, shorter visit times, and lower costs while maintaining the coordination of patient care;
- Establish Deerpath ASTC as a primary site for Morris Hospital and Healthcare Centers' ambulatory surgery service; and
- Avoid duplicative services by coordination and consolidation of outpatient surgical facilities among the Hospital and the ASTC.

ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DEERPATH AND/OR MORRIS HOSPITAL,  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and we urge approval of this application.

Sincerely,



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