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Re: Brickyard Dialysis – Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of DaVita Inc. and Dunklinson Dialysis, LLC (collectively “DaVita”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Brickyard Dialysis application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the February 27, 2018 State Board meeting. This project proposes to establish a 12 station facility to be located at 2640 North Narragansett Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60639. It is critical the CON Application be heard at the February 27, 2018 meeting. The Brickyard geographic service area is an economically disadvantaged area whose residents are predominantly Hispanic, a minority population that has a 1.5 times greater incidence and prevalence of kidney disease than the general population. The additional stations will address access issues as well as the growing need for dialysis on the northwest side of Chicago. If the CON Application is approved, DaVita would hope Brickyard Dialysis would be operational during the fourth quarter of 2019.

In filing the CON Application, DaVita seeks authority from the State Board to establish a 12 station dialysis facility. As of September 30, 2017, 2,166 end-stage renal disease (“ESRD”) patients reside within the Brickyard Dialysis geographic service area. Excluding recently approved dialysis facilities which are being developed to serve distinct groups of patients, average utilization of area dialysis facilities is 83%. Further, during the three year period ending September 30, 2017, patient census in the Brickyard GSA increased 3% annually and is anticipated to increase for the foreseeable future due to the demographics of the community and disease incidence and prevalence trends. This community lacks sufficient access to health care

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services. This project will ensure access to life sustaining dialysis services is available to patients on the northwest side of Chicago. Accordingly, DaVita respectfully requests the State Board consider the Brickyard Dialysis application at the February 27, 2018 State Board meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the Brickyard Dialysis CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Cooper".

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