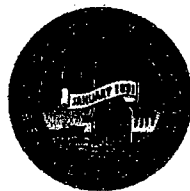


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Re: Support for project 17-068, DaVita Oak Meadows Dialysis

Dear Members of the Review Board:

I am enthused by the proposition of expanded life-saving dialysis services in the Oak Lawn area of Cook County. I would encourage you to approve the application filed for the DaVita Oak Meadows Dialysis for a Certificate of Need (project 17-068).

Hemodialysis use rates have increased substantially in my district, which lies in HSA 7, and in the area immediately surrounding the proposed clinic. This area has the highest need for additional dialysis clinics in the state, with over half of the identified station need located in HSA 7. Based on the June 11, 2018, update to the State Board's inventory of hemodialysis stations, there is a need for 25 additional stations in HSA 7 where the project will be located. This area has the highest demand in the state.

Approximately 26 million Americans already have some evidence of chronic kidney disease and are at risk of developing kidney failure. Another 20 million are at increased risk for developing kidney disease, and obesity is a leading cause. According to 2014 data, 27% of adults in Cook County were obese. The county has high rates of chronic disease as well, with chronic disease contributing to nearly 7 in 10 deaths and more than 34,500 hospitalizations in 2013.

Several recent epidemiologic studies have shown that obesity and metabolic syndrome are independent predictors of chronic kidney disease. Those studies found that people who are overweight had a three-fold elevated risk for chronic kidney disease compared with leaner individuals. As a result, obesity has been identified as one of the strongest yet modifiable risk factors for end stage renal disease in the 21st century.

I urge you to vote yes on DaVita Oak Meadows Dialysis planned for the Oak Lawn area.

Respectfully,

Edward Moody
Cook County Commissioner, 6th District