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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: DaVita Oak Meadows Dialysis, Oak Lawn, No. 17-068 Support Letter

Dear Ms. Avery,

ManorCare operates a skilled care facility in Oak Lawn at 9401 S. Kostner which is called ManorCare Health Services Oak Lawn East. Our Oak Lawn East facility is in very close proximity of the planned site of the DaVita Oak Meadows clinic and will be a valuable health care resource for our residents and other patients.

We support the proposed expansion of dialysis services in Oak Lawn as demand for dialysis care continues to grow. At ManorCare Oak Lawn East, we routinely admit patients with kidney disease who need dialysis. We provide comprehensive care designed not only to meet our residents' health needs, but also their functional capabilities, chronic illness, and desired health outcomes. It goes without saying that skilled care patients are vulnerable and need special attention. Patients who require outpatient dialysis services rely on providers like DaVita. Even with close proximity, safe, supervised transport is always required for these frail individuals and the fact that services will be nearby is extremely important to the well-being of our patients and for the ease of transportation. If patients can receive their dialysis treatment during the day, this is absolutely preferred as we are reluctant to accept a scheduling slot in the evening shift where they are forced to return to our facility after 10:30 p.m.

ManorCare Health Services Oak Lawn East supports the planned Oak Meadows Dialysis and strongly urges the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

David Parker
Chief Operating Officer