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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: Support for Oak Meadows Dialysis, Oak Lawn – Project No. 17-068

Dear Ms. Avery,

ManorCare Oak Lawn West at 6300 W. 95th Street supports DaVita's proposed expansion of dialysis services in Oak Lawn. Demand for dialysis care continues to grow. At ManorCare Oak Lawn West, we serve numerous patients with kidney failure, either on a short-term rehabilitation basis or on a longer-term residential basis. We provide comprehensive care designed not only to meet our residents' health needs, but also their functional capabilities, chronic illness, and desired health outcomes. Patients who require outpatient dialysis services rely on providers like DaVita.

Many SNF residents and short term patients suffer from kidney failure due to age-related illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, and require dialysis three days a week. While DaVita's existing clinic is right across the street, treatment appointments are difficult to coordinate because the clinic is full at 98% capacity. To serve patients' needs, it must offer a night shift three days per week. Fourth shift patients return back to us well after they would have otherwise turned off the lights for bed. This is difficult for frail, elderly patients served by SNFs.

ManorCare Oak Law West 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