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## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 60602

Re: Request for Relinquishment - Project #17-072

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of the Permit Holders, Illinois Vascular Care, LLC and Nephrology Associates of Northern Illinois LTD. ("NANI") for the above referenced project, Illinois Vascular Care, we respectfully request to relinquish the Certificate of Need permit associated with HFSRB Project #17-072 pursuant to Ill. Admin. Code Section 1130.580.

## Description of Permit and Related Costs:

On April 17, 2018, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB") approved the Permit Holders' application for the establishment of a single specialty Ambulatory Surgery Treatment Center ("ASTC") dedicated to vascular access procedures. The facility was to be located at 846 E. Algonquin Schaumburg, Illinois 61614. The proposed project price for the ASTC was \$3,106,690.

We have also included a copy of the permit letter issued by the HFSRB to the Permit Holders appended as EXHIBIT A.

## Reasons for Relinquishment:

As a result of an unforeseen issue with the property landlord where the facility was to be located, we were unable to come to terms for a long term lease that would justify the significant investment needed to modernize the existing of space for licensure as an ASTC. We sought a lease consistent with the letter of intent submitted with the project application, however, the landlord of the property was only willing to offer a one year lease with no guarantee of renewal. Without certainty that we could operate the facility in the same location for a significant period of time, we are now forced to look for another location to establish this ASTC and abandon this CON. As we represented before the Board when requesting the permit renewal, if the

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circumstances warranted relinquishment we would submit the necessary request. To maintain the commitments made to the HFSRB throughout this process, we hereby submit this request.

## Rational for Request:

Our request to relinquish the permit associated with the project is unrelated to patient care. We are happy to report that our patients will continue to receive the necessary services to meet their medical needs and serve this patient population at our existing office based laboratories. Upon submission of this application, the HFSRB Staff Report reflected that there was not a need for an ASTC based on your need criteria. However, this project was unique in that it was to serve an existing dedicated patient population which requires vascular access procedures. We remain fully committed to this patient population and we appreciate the HFSRB's confidence in this project while we continue to actively search for an appropriate space to establish an ASTC in this community.

We thank the HFSRB and their staff for their time and efforts with regard to this application. It is out of respect for the HFSRB and its process that this initial application was filed and that this relinquishment is presented.

A check in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Illinois Department of Public Health for the application processing fee is enclosed with this request.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com, you can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com.

Very truly yours,

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cc. Mike Constantino, Senior Project Reviewer