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May 15, 2020

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Permit Renewal Request Processing Fee- Project #17-073, Illinois
Back & Neck Institute**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing on behalf of Illinois Back & Neck Institute LLC, the Permit Holder in regards to a recently submitted permit renewal request for Project #17-073, Illinois Back & Neck Institute. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$500 to cover the processing fee for this request.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com

Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

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May 14, 2020

VIA EMAIL AND FEDEX

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Illinois Department of Public Health
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Re: Permit Renewal Request-Illinois Back & Neck Institute, Project #17-073

Dear Ms. Avery:

On July 23, 2018, 16, 2016, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“HFSRB”) approved Project #17-073, an application to establish an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center (“ASTC”) that will provide orthopedic and pain management surgical services. The facility will be located at 360 West Butterfield Road, Suite 100, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126. A permit renewal request was submitted to the HFSRB and was approved on August 6, 2019, establishing a new completion date of June 30, 2020. The purpose of this letter is to request a Permit Renewal pursuant to 77 Ill. Admin. Code 1130.740. Enclosed you will find a check with the permit renewal fee. This is our second renewal request.

Request Project Completion Date

The permit holder requests that the HFSRB grant a permit renewal and establish Monday, November 30, 2020 as the project completion date for this project. If the new project completion date is approved we will be required to submit an annual progress report. Pursuant to 77 Ill. Admin. Code 1130.760, please accept this as our annual progress report.

Status of the Project

This project involves the conversion of an existing medical office practice into an limited specialty ASTC. The Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) requires any ASTC that provides more than one category of service to meet the standards and requirements of a multi-specialty ASTC. The permit holders completed an ASTC project submission form and submitted the form and architectural rendering of the facility it to the IDPH Life Safety and Construction Division for review. After receiving multiple requests for changes to the initial set of plans,

IDPH has approved the mechanical, plumbing, medical gas, and fire protection aspects of the building.

A general contractor for the project has been selected and applied for permits with the Village of Elmhurst. The building permits from the Village have been approved and are in hand. However, we have been informed by the Village of new inspection procedures and extensive scheduling delays due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Statement Regarding Project Completion

Given the delays associated with obtaining approval from IDPH for the modifications necessary to bring the facility in compliance with IDPH regulation, the expected delays associated with village inspections and life safety and licensure surveys by IDPH we have no choice but to seek a permit renewal at this time. The largest delay associated with this project concerned the width of the hallway between the procedure room and the recovery area of the facility. IDPH regulations for multi-specialty ASTCs require an 8 foot clearance, between the aforementioned areas and the facility does not currently meet that requirement. While minimal in nature, the additional construction will create an increase in the project costs and the Permit Holders will be submitting an alteration request to address the increase.

The time and diligence we have undertaken over the last several months was dedicated to facilitating the orderly design and actualization of this project. The construction timeline itself is short and we expect to be completed with construction by mid-June (in advance of the original project completion date). However, given the scope of the overall undertaking, we are requesting additional time to ensure appropriate completion of the project and licensure consistent with Board rules.

To date approximately \$15,000 of the approved \$790,000 has been expended on the project. The project has been financially committed through the execution of a lease for the space where the facility will be located.

Confirmatory Evidence of Permit Compliance

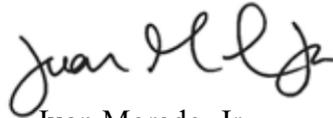
Enclosed is a verified statement from Neema Bayran, M.D. that confirms the permit holders are currently complying with the scope, costs, and conditions of the project approved by the HFSRB, pursuant to the permit letter issued for this project. Additionally, the aforementioned verified statement confirms that there are sufficient financial resources available to complete this project.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project or this permit renewal request, please feel free to contact me at 312-212-4967.

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Enclosures

