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Ms. Courtney Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 18-005
DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center
Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

The applicants for the above-referenced project respectfully request that the review of Project 18-005 be placed on the HFSRB's April 17, 2018 agenda, rather than the July 24, 2018 agenda, as tentatively scheduled.

The project involves the construction of an addition to an existing long term care facility, as well as renovation to the existing structure. The application was filed on January 24, 2018, and deemed complete on January 31, 2018.

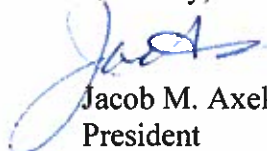
DCRNC is a County-owned long term care facility that holds a four-star overall rating from Medicare. The facility is currently turning away over 400 area residents a year due to a lack of beds; and the County currently has a calculated need for additional beds.

The requested April 17, 2018 placement would:

- reduce the number of area residents that cannot be accommodated, due to a lack of beds;
- allow the pouring of concrete foundations prior to a winter freeze, therein shortening the construction period by approximately four months;
- allow the County to minimize rising labor and construction material rates;
- reduce exposure to higher interest rates, as bond issuance will not commence until just prior to the initiating of construction; and
- minimize delays and their associated capitalized interest expenses

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jacob M. Axel
President