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

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Permit Renewal Request-North Suburban Pain and Spine Center, LLC ("NSPS") Project #18-108

Dear Ms. Avery:

The above-referenced permit was issued by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB") on December 4, 2018, for the establishment of an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center ("ASTC") on the property adjacent to 9680 Golf Road to the northeast of the intersection of Golf Road and I-294 in Des Plaines, Cook County Illinois (the "Project"). The purpose of this letter is to request a Permit Renewal pursuant to Iil. Admin Code Section 1130.740. Enclosed you will find a check from NSPS for the \$1000.00 permit renewal fee. This is the second request for a permit renewal request for this project.

# Request Project Completion Date

The permit holder requests that the HFSRB grant a permit renewal and establish Monday, May 31, 2021 as the project completion date for this project.

### Status of the Project

This project involves the development of the ASTC in a new building being constructed by the site owner. After issuance of the Permit, NSPS and the site owner, through their mutual architect, completed a full set of construction drawings for the building and ASTC construction. The project was financially committed through the execution of a construction contract with our general contractor, Leopardo Construction, Inc. ("LCI") on July 17, 2019. The Cook County Department of Building and Zoning issued a building permit for the project on or about October 29, 2019.

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Construction is now complete and on October 19, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") Division of Life Safety conducted a survey and found that the facility was in compliance with ASTC life safety code requirements (approval letter enclosed). Upon coordination with the IDPH Division of Healthcare Facilities and Program it was determined that a licensure survey could not be completed before the current project completion date of November 30, 2020. Although we anticipate being able to be schedule and complete the licensure survey before the end of the year, because of uncertainty related to COVID-19 and at the advice of Board Staff we are seeking a renewal for several months, out of an abundance of caution.

## **Statement Regarding Project Completion**

As construction is completed, the only remaining step in completing the project is a licensure survey. Understandably, IDPH nurses who perform licensure surveys are backed up and as soon as the facility can get on the schedule for a survey the facility will be prepared to pass the survey and then able to obtain a license for the ASTC to operate and treat patients. Through October 30, 2020, NSPS has spent approximately \$3,600,000 of the approved permit amount of \$4,076,454.

### Confirmatory Evidence of Permit Compliance

Enclosed is a verified statement from Darrel Saldanha, 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.

Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

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State of Illinois County of Cook

#### Verification

I, Darrel J. Saldanha, M.D., being first duly sworn, on oath, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I serve as Chief Executive Office for North Suburban Pain and Spine Center, LLC ("NSPS").
- 2. This project involves the establishment of an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center ("ASTC") on the property adjacent to 9680 Golf Road to the northeast of the intersection of Golf Road and I-294 in Des Plaines, Cook County IL (the "Project").
- 3. The construction of the facility is complete and we successfully passed an IDPH life safety code survey, and are awaiting a licensure survey to complete the project. We have otherwise met the commitments reflected in the permit letter issued for this project.
- 4. Our project costs remain consistent with the terms of the project approved by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, Project #18-018.
- 5. The project's costs and scope currently comply with the application the HFSRB approved for Project # 18-018.
- 6. Sufficient financial resources remain available for NSPS to complete Project #18-018.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to § 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

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