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Re: Project #18-031 Anderson Surgery Center, LLC, Edwardsville

Dear Ms. Avery:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Anderson Hospital's application for the approval of facilities for a new Anderson Surgery Center to be located in Edwardsville, Illinois.

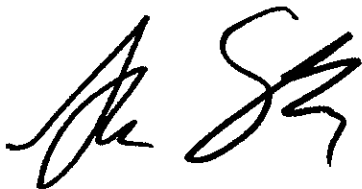
The establishment of Anderson Surgery Center will enable patients to have surgery, endoscopic and pain management procedures performed in a setting that meets the requirements of third-party payers, who are requiring an increasing number of procedures to be performed in Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers rather than in hospital facilities.

Also, Anderson Surgery Center's medical staff will include Pediatric Surgeons and Gastroenterologists who will be able to perform procedures locally, rather than requiring families to travel to St. Louis to have these procedures performed at SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Greater access to healthcare facilities and a commitment to treat all patients, regardless of their insurance coverage or ability to pay for services, makes Anderson Surgery Center a unique facility in its service area.

We ask that you give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

Sincerely,



JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress



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