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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I write in support of DaVita Inc.'s efforts to open Cicero Dialysis in my district. This clinic will help address growing needs for dialysis in the region and will help provide an essential health care service for those who rely on dialysis to replace their kidney function.

Cicero is an economically disadvantaged community. It is estimated that 22 percent of Cicero residents live below the federal poverty level. Unfortunately, lower income levels tend to be associated with reduced access to resources supporting health and well-being. The Health Resources & Services Administration has designated Cicero as a low income health professional shortage area. This region lacks adequate access to dialysis services. Existing dialysis clinics in the area are operating above your Board's target utilization of 80 percent, and area needs for these services have steadily increased more than 5 percent annually. At this rate, the needs of the community will soon exceed the services available to them. DaVita aims to proactively address the needs of the Cicero community with the addition of this clinic.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that the quality of the services provided by DaVita is outstanding. DaVita has consistently been ranked highest for overall performance and quality for Medicare patients by the federal government. I applaud DaVita's efforts to increase access to dialysis services throughout our state while ensuring our citizens receive exceptional care.

I support Cicero Dialysis and respectfully urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this clinic. By doing so, you will allow DaVita to continue serving the growing number of dialysis patients and make sure all can receive this lifesaving care in their communities regardless of their area's income levels. Please vote to approve Cicero Dialysis.

Sincerely,

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