



STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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DOCKET NO: C-08	BOARD MEETING: December 10, 2019	PERMIT NO: 18-045
FACILITY NAME: Fresenius Medical Care West Belmont, Chicago		
PERMIT HOLDERS: Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc. Fresenius Medical Care Chicagoland, LLC.		
TYPE OF PROJECT: Relinquishment of a Permit		

RELINQUISHMENT OF A PERMIT
Fresenius Medical Care West Belmont
Permit #18-045

I. Background

In January of 2019 the Permit Holders (Fresenius Medical Care Holdings, Inc. and Fresenius Medical Chicagoland, LLC) were approved to add 4-stations to an existing 17-station facility located at 4943 West Belmont, Chicago, Illinois at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million.

On November 5, 2019 the State Board received a request to relinquish this permit. The Applicants stated the reason for this request is as follows:

“This project originated in response to increasing utilization at the Fresenius West Belmont, North Kilpatrick and Logan square clinics. After further review of the project and associated costs, it was determined that the high cost, resulting in access for only 24 additional patients, will likely be a temporary solution that is not the most cost-effective or optimal way to ensure ongoing care for area patients. Fresenius is now focusing on alternate ways to provide long-term access to the area's increasing number of ESRD patients that will encompass adequate in-center hemodialysis access while encouraging more patients to dialyze at home. Current data indicates that patients who are in home dialysis generally have improved outcomes, more energy, fewer diet restrictions and lower mortality rates.”

Permit #18-045 is current and is valid. As of October 2019, there is a need for 66-stations in the VI ESRD Planning Area.

II. Section 1130.775 - Relinquishment of a Permit

The relinquishment of Permit #18-045 requires approval of the State Board. All the information required by the State Board has been provided.

A permit holder may request to withdraw its permit. The request requires an application to and approval by HFSRB for relinquishment. Upon approval of relinquishment by HFSRB, the permit is considered null and void. Requests for relinquishment shall be considered only for permits that are current and valid. Requests shall be filed with HFSRB prior to the completion date of the permit. HFSRB will not process a request for relinquishment until it receives the application-processing fee.

- a) Relinquishment Procedure
The permit holder shall notify HFSRB in writing, prior to the abandonment or withdrawal of a project. The notice shall include:
 - 1) A description of the permit and related costs;
 - 2) A detailed explanation of the reasons for abandonment; and
 - 3) If the approval of the permit or exemption was based upon need, an explanation of how that need will be met in absence of the project.
- b) HFSRB staff shall review the request for withdrawal and prepare a report of its findings. HFSRB staff findings and all related documentation shall be sent to the Chairman. The Chairman, acting on behalf of HFSRB, shall approve the request or refer it to the full Board for action. The approval or denial of a request for relinquishment constitutes HFSRB's final administrative decision.
- c) Upon approval of a request for relinquishment, HFSRB staff shall adjust all inventories accordingly.
- d) Decisions on requests for relinquishment shall be transmitted in writing to the permit holder.
- e) Any relinquishment undertaken without prior HFSRB approval shall be considered a violation of the Act and shall be subject to the sanctions and penalties in the Act (see 20 ILCS 3960/14.1) and Section 1130.790.

All information required by the State Board has been submitted.

**STATE BOARD STAFF FINDS THE RELINQUISHMENT OF PERMIT #17-012
IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 77 ILAC 1130.775**

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