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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

**Re: Permit Relinquish Request: #18-045, Fresenius Medical Care West Belmont
Permit Holder: Fresenius Medical Chicagoland, LLC and Fresenius Medical Care
Holdings, Inc.
Permit Amount: \$1,189,356**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please be advised that Fresenius Medical Care Chicagoland, LLC is intending to relinquish the above-mentioned Certificate of Need permit for the addition of 4 stations to the Fresenius Medical Care West Belmont 17-station End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facility.

On January 15, 2019 the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved Fresenius Medical Care Chicagoland, LLC's application to expand the West Belmont facility at 4943 W. Belmont, Chicago in HSA 6. Total permitted project costs were \$1,189,356.

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 on home dialysis generally have improved outcomes, more energy, fewer diet restrictions and lower mortality rates.

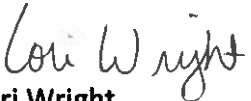


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Based on this information, Fresenius Medical Care Chicagoland, LLC requests approval of its permit relinquishment request for Permit #18-045 Fresenius Medical Care West Belmont. Enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 for the permit relinquishment processing fee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 630-960-6807.

Sincerely,


Lori Wright
Senior CON Specialist