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Richard H. Sewell
Interim Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Dear Mr. Sewell:

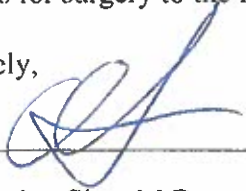
The urologist is an important part of the reproductive health team. There are many causes for infertility in men and women. In over a third of infertility cases, the problem is with the man. This is most often due to problems with a male's sperm production or with sperm delivery. Making mature, healthy sperm that can travel depends on many things. Problems can stop cells from growing into sperm. Problems can keep the sperm from reaching the egg. Even the temperature of the scrotum may affect fertility. These are the main causes of male infertility. The most common problems are making and growing sperm including problems with producing oddly shaped or not fully grown sperm, sperm that do not move the right way, sperm that is made in very low numbers (oligospermia) and a failure to produce sperm. Surgery is often required to harvest sperm from the testicles to be used for IVF.

Many studies have suggested using freshly extracted sperm to fertilize fresh eggs is superior to sperm previously extracted and frozen

When FCI has a couple experiencing infertility, both the man and woman are tested. In an average year, 3000 male patients who come to our practice for infertility concerns are tested. In many cases (approximately 20%), me and my colleagues at FCI refer males to a urologist for a more extensive work-up of their infertility issues and for treatment. Based on their diagnosis, approximately, 3% of these males (or approximately 90 per year) undergo a surgical procedure for treatment of infertility.

Dr. Samuel Ohlander is one of several urologists to whom we refer our male infertility patients for a work-up. Attached as Exhibit A to this letter is Dr. Ohlander's referral letter indicating his plan to refer male infertility patients for surgery to the River North Center for Reproductive Health when it is established.

Sincerely,



Christopher Sipe, M.D.

President and Medical Director
Fertility Centers of Illinois Corporate Office
2555 Patriot Blvd, Suite 300
Glenview, Illinois 60026

Subscribed and sworn to me

This 11 day of March, 2019

Maureen Casey
Notary Public



Exhibit A

Richard H. Sewell
Interim Chair
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Dear Mr. Sewell:

I am a board eligible urologist. I am writing in support of River North Center for Reproductive Health's application to establish a limited specialty ambulatory surgical treatment center in Chicago. Fertility Centers of Illinois, S.C. currently refers approximately 40 to 45 outpatient surgical cases to me annually. With the establishment of River North Center for Reproductive Health, I anticipate 38 of these procedures, which are currently provided at other outpatient surgical facilities would be performed at the proposed surgery center.

Over the past twelve months, I performed a total of 45 outpatient surgical procedures. Outpatient surgical procedures will constitute the majority of my work in the future.

During the past twelve months, I referred cases to the following hospitals and surgery centers. With the opening of the proposed River North Center for Reproductive Health, I expect to refer my cases as noted below.

Hospital / Licensed ASTC	Hospital and Licensed ASTC (number of cases) Most recent 12 months	Projected Referrals after Project Completion
UIC Medical - Mile Square Health Center	45	47
Total	45	47

These referrals have not been used to support another pending or approved certificate of need application.

The information in this letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. Richard H. Sewell
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I support the proposed establishment of River North Center for Reproductive Health.

Sincerely,



Samuel Ohlander, M.D.
Urologist
940 N Wolcott Ave Unit 1
Chicago, Illinois 60622

Subscribed and sworn to me
This 14 day of March, 2019


Notary Public

Historical Referrals by Patient Zip Code	
Zip Code	Patients
52402	2
54505	1
54901	1
55400	2
55530	12
55899	24
69990	3