

March 25, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services
Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center
Project 19-009

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a primary care provider practicing in Kankakee County. As part of the Riverside Medical Group, I encouraged the recruitment of additional orthopedic surgeons to our community to increase the accessibility of orthopedic care for my patients. I regularly refer patients from my practice to Riverside Orthopedic Specialists for their orthopedic care.

The ability of our orthopedic surgeons to utilize the facilities of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center for orthopedic procedures is a minimal cost option to provide convenient, high quality orthopedic care for my patients.

For the above reasons, I fully support the application of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center to add orthopedic surgery as a permitted service and request your favorable consideration on their application at the upcoming hearing.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of Kankakee Community College I am pleased to offer my support to the application of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center's (RASC) request to add orthopedic surgery as a permitted service. KCC works closely with Riverside Medical Center and area physicians in the training of health care professionals, many of whom are eventually employed with those organizations.

The expansion of services at RASC will provide high quality, convenient orthopedic care to the patients it serves. As with education, the quality of healthcare available in a community is a key factor in attracting and retaining residents and business.

I fully endorse the application of RASC to add orthopedic surgery to its list of available services and respectfully request the board take favorable action on their request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Avendano".

John Avendano, Ph.D.
President