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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 write this letter in support of the application of Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center's (RASC) application to expand its services to include orthopedic surgery. As Village President of the Village of Bradley, I value the availability of quality, accessible health care services for the residents of my community.

RASC has served residents in our area for more than fifteen years, providing lower cost, convenient surgical care. The expansion of their surgical services to include orthopedic surgery, with no substantial capital investment, is a practical, cost-effective opportunity which should be pursued.

I fully support the request of RASC to expand its services to include orthopedic surgery and ask for the Review Board's favorable consideration of their application at the upcoming June hearing.

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Adams Village President

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

Re:

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Dear Ms. Avery:

As Mayor of the City of Kankakee, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center's (RASC) application to add orthopedic surgery to their facility. The availability of high-quality, cost effective and accessible healthcare is important to the economic well-being of our community. In addition to the obvious benefits of having a facility of this kind in the community, I would note that doing so promotes the attraction and retention of a qualified workforce that in turn supports our local businesses and economy.

I have been advised that adding orthopedic surgery to the RASC facility will not require any construction or expansion of the existing facility. As such, the service could be immediately available to area residents upon approval of the application. As you know, access to healthcare is a concern for most residents. Should this application be approved, I believe residents would appreciate the opportunity to obtain their health care services close to home and in one, convenient location. Therefore, I foresee the expansion of orthopedic surgery at RASC as a positive step toward enhancing health care service accessibility in a cost effective setting.

I whole-heartedly lend my support to the Riverside Ambulatory Surgery Center application for orthopedic surgery and request the Review Board's favorable consideration of their request.

Sincerely

Chasity Wells Armstrong

Mayor