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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: MIRA Neuro Behavioral Health Care

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in Support of the plan of MIRA Neuro Behavioral Care to open a Child and Adolescent Psychiatric facility in Tinley Park, Illinois. This is a much needed facility. Our Emergency Department is EDAP (emergency department approved for pediatrics) certified and sees nearly 10,000 children and adolescents annually. When our physicians determine that a child needs further psychiatric care we often run in to obstacles. While our average patient spends 3-5 hours in our Emergency Department the average child with a psychiatric problem that needs placement in an inpatient facility may spend 3 times that in our ED.

When patients spend a long time waiting in a bed in our ED it delays them getting the care they need in an appropriate environment and prevents us from using that bed for another patient

Sincerely,

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