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Dear Ms. Avery:

The Illinois College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP) is happy to support the CON application for Mira Neuro Behavioral Health to provide inpatient psychiatric services to children and adolescents in Tinley Park.

ICEP's members have identified the lack of mental health services as one of the causes of boarding of inpatients in the emergency department. This is especially true for children and adolescents. When there is no referral treatment location available for these patients, they often must be boarded in the ED for hours, and sometimes days, until a treatment location is identified. Lingering in the ED for extended periods is not a therapeutic option for the psychiatric patient who is deprived of needed mental health services and who encounters noise, bright lights and disruptions throughout their stay.

ICEP is the medical specialty society representing over 1400 physicians who practice emergency medicine in Illinois. ICEP exists to support excellence in emergency care and for the people in communities served by our members.

If ICEP can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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