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ILLINOIS HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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SECTION I. IDENTIFICATION, GENERAL INFORMATION, AND CERTIFICATION

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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Facility/Project Identification

Facility Name: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights
Street Address: 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor,
City and Zip Code: Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664
County: Cook County Health Service Area: 7 Health Planning Area: 7

Applicant(s) [Provide for each applicant (refer to Part 1130.220)]

Exact Legal Name: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC
Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
Name of Registered Agent: Salman Azam, ESQ
Registered Agent Street Address: 333 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1815
Registered Agent City and Zip Code: Chicago, IL, 60601
Name of Chief Executive Officer: Morufu O. Alausa M.D.
CEO Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
CEO City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
CEO Telephone Number: (708) 645-1000

Type of Ownership of Applicants

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

- Corporations and limited liability companies must provide an Illinois certificate of good standing.
- Partnerships must provide the name of the state in which they are organized and the name and address of each partner specifying whether each is a general or limited partner.

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 1 IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

Primary Contact [Person to receive ALL correspondence or inquiries]

Name: Asim Shazzad
Title: Administrator
Company Name: Dialysis Care Center
Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd, Homer Glen, IL, 60491
Telephone Number: (630) 965-9007
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Additional Contact [Person who is also authorized to discuss the application for permit]

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**Post Permit Contact**

[Person to receive all correspondence subsequent to permit issuance-THIS PERSON MUST BE EMPLOYED BY THE LICENSED HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED AT 20 ILCS 3960]

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**Site Ownership**

[Provide this information for each applicable site]

Exact Legal Name of Site Owner: Meridian Investment Partners LLC
Address of Site Owner: C/O Mr Salman Azam 333 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1815 Chicago, IL, 60601
Street Address or Legal Description of the Site: 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664
Legal Description: <b>See Attachment 2.</b>
APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS <b>ATTACHMENT 2</b> , IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Operating Identity/Licensee**

[Provide this information for each applicable facility and insert after this page.]

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APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS <b>ATTACHMENT 3</b> , IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Organizational Relationships**

Provide (for each applicant) an organizational chart containing the name and relationship of any person or entity who is related (as defined in Part 1130.140). If the related person or entity is participating in the development or funding of the project, describe the interest and the amount and type of any financial contribution.

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS **ATTACHMENT 4**, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Flood Plain Requirements**

[Refer to application instructions.]

Provide documentation that the project complies with the requirements of Illinois Executive Order #2006-5 pertaining to construction activities in special flood hazard areas. As part of the flood plain requirements, please provide a map of the proposed project location showing any identified floodplain areas. Floodplain maps can be printed at [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) or [www.illinoisfloodmaps.org](http://www.illinoisfloodmaps.org). **This map must be in a readable format.** In addition, please provide a statement attesting that the project complies with the requirements of Illinois Executive Order #2006-5 (<http://www.hfsrb.illinois.gov>).

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS **ATTACHMENT 5**, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Historic Resources Preservation Act Requirements**

[Refer to application instructions.]

Provide documentation regarding compliance with the requirements of the Historic Resources Preservation Act.

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS **ATTACHMENT 6**, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

**1. Project Classification**

[Check those applicable - refer to Part 1110.40 and Part 1120.20(b)]

Part 1110 Classification:

Substantive

Non-substantive

## 2. Narrative Description

In the space below, provide a brief narrative description of the project. Explain **WHAT** is to be done in **State Board defined terms**, **NOT WHY** it is being done. If the project site does NOT have a street address, include a legal description of the site. Include the rationale regarding the project's classification as substantive or non-substantive.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC. ("Applicant") proposes to establish a 14-station in-center hemodialysis (ESRD) facility to be located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664, which is in Health Service Area 7.

The proposed facility is to be in a leased space which will include a total of approximately 7,280 contiguous rentable square feet.

The project has been classified as a substantive project since it constitutes the establishment of service as defined by Administrative Code.

### Project Costs and Sources of Funds

Complete the following table listing all costs (refer to Part 1120.110) associated with the project. When a project or any component of a project is to be accomplished by lease, donation, gift, or other means, the fair market or dollar value (refer to Part 1130.140) of the component must be included in the estimated project cost. If the project contains non-reviewable components that are not related to the provision of health care, complete the second column of the table below. Note, the use and sources of funds must be equal.

<b>Project Costs and Sources of Funds</b>			
<b>USE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>CLINICAL</b>	<b>NONCLINICAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Preplanning Costs			
Site Survey and Soil Investigation			
Site Preparation			
Off Site Work			
New Construction Contracts	\$1,094,985.00		\$1,094,985.00
Modernization Contracts			
Contingencies	\$87,599.00		\$87,599.00
Architectural/Engineering Fees	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
Consulting and Other Fees			
Movable or Other Equipment (not in construction contracts)	\$451,100.00		\$451,100.00
Bond Issuance Expense (project related)			
Net Interest Expense During Construction (project related)			
Fair Market Value of Leased Space or Equipment	\$880,242.00		\$880,242.00
Other Costs To Be Capitalized			
Acquisition of Building or Other Property (excluding land)			
<b>TOTAL USES OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,558,925.00</b>		<b>\$2,558,925.00</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>CLINICAL</b>	<b>NONCLINICAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cash and Securities	\$1,678,684.00		\$1,678,684.00
Pledges			
Gifts and Bequests			
Bond Issues (project related)			
Mortgages			
Leases (fair market value)	\$880,242.00		\$880,242.00
Governmental Appropriations			
Grants			
Other Funds and Sources			
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,558,925.00</b>		<b>\$2,558,925.00</b>
<b>NOTE: ITEMIZATION OF EACH LINE ITEM MUST BE PROVIDED AT ATTACHMENT 7, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.</b>			

**Related Project Costs**

Provide the following information, as applicable, with respect to any land related to the project that will be or has been acquired during the last two calendar years:

Land acquisition is related to project  Yes  No  
 Purchase Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fair Market Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The project involves the establishment of a new facility or a new category of service  
 Yes  No

If yes, provide the dollar amount of all **non-capitalized** operating start-up costs (including operating deficits) through the first full fiscal year when the project achieves or exceeds the target utilization specified in Part 1100.

Estimated start-up costs and operating deficit cost is \$ 930,873.00

**Project Status and Completion Schedules**

**For facilities in which prior permits have been issued please provide the permit numbers.**

Indicate the stage of the project's architectural drawings:

- None or not applicable  Preliminary
- Schematics  Final Working

Anticipated project completion date (refer to Part 1130.140): May, 31, 2021

Indicate the following with respect to project expenditures or to financial commitments (refer to Part 1130.140):

- Purchase orders, leases or contracts pertaining to the project have been executed.
- Financial commitment is contingent upon permit issuance. Provide a copy of the contingent "certification of financial commitment" document, highlighting any language related to CON Contingencies
- Financial Commitment will occur after permit issuance.

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 8, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**State Agency Submittals [Section 1130.620(c)]**

Are the following submittals up to date as applicable:

- Cancer Registry
- APORS
- All formal document requests such as IDPH Questionnaires and Annual Bed Reports been submitted
- All reports regarding outstanding permits

**Failure to be up to date with these requirements will result in the application for permit being deemed incomplete.**

## Cost Space Requirements

Provide in the following format, the **Departmental Gross Square Feet (DGSF)** or the **Building Gross Square Feet (BGSF)** and cost. The type of gross square footage either **DGSF** or **BGSF** must be identified. The sum of the department costs **MUST** equal the total estimated project costs. Indicate if any space is being reallocated for a different purpose. Include outside wall measurements plus the department's or area's portion of the surrounding circulation space. **Explain the use of any vacated space.**

Dept. / Area	Cost	Gross Square Feet		Amount of Proposed Total Gross Square Feet That Is:			
		Existing	Proposed	New Const.	Modernized	As Is	Vacated Space
<b>REVIEWABLE</b>							
Medical Surgical							
Intensive Care							
Diagnostic Radiology							
MRI							
Total Clinical							
<b>NON REVIEWABLE</b>							
Administrative							
Parking							
Gift Shop							
Total Non-clinical							
<b>TOTAL</b>							

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS **ATTACHMENT 9**, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Facility Bed Capacity and Utilization**

**Section Not Applicable**

Complete the following chart, as applicable. Complete a separate chart for each facility that is a part of the project and insert the chart after this page. Provide the existing bed capacity and utilization data for the latest **Calendar Year for which data is available**. **Include observation days in the patient day totals for each bed service**. Any bed capacity discrepancy from the Inventory will result in the application being deemed **incomplete**.

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>		<b>CITY:</b>			
<b>REPORTING PERIOD DATES:</b>		<b>From:</b>	<b>to:</b>		
<b>Category of Service</b>	<b>Authorized Beds</b>	<b>Admissions</b>	<b>Patient Days</b>	<b>Bed Changes</b>	<b>Proposed Beds</b>
Medical/Surgical					
Obstetrics					
Pediatrics					
Intensive Care					
Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation					
Acute/Chronic Mental Illness					
Neonatal Intensive Care					
General Long Term Care					
Specialized Long Term Care					
Long Term Acute Care					
Other ((identify)					
<b>TOTALS:</b>					

**CERTIFICATION**

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- o in the case of a partnership, two of its general partners (or the sole general partner, when two or more general partners do not exist);
- o in the case of estates and trusts, two of its beneficiaries (or the sole beneficiary when two or more beneficiaries do not exist); and
- o in the case of a sole proprietor, the individual that is the proprietor.

This Application is filed on the behalf of **Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC \*** in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act. The undersigned certifies that he or she has the authority to execute and file this Application on behalf of the applicant entity. The undersigned further certifies that the data and information provided herein, and appended hereto, are complete and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief. The undersigned also certifies that the fee required for this application is sent herewith or will be paid upon request.

SIGNATURE

Morufu O Alausa MD

PRINTED NAME

CEO /President

PRINTED TITLE

Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

Signature of Notary

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\*Insert the EXACT legal name of the applicant

SIGNATURE

Mohammad S. Shafi MD

PRINTED NAME

Vice President

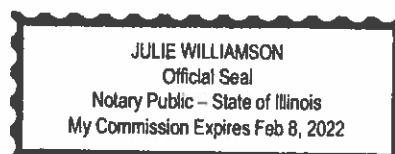
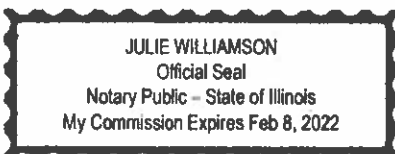
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Signature of Notary

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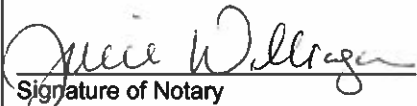
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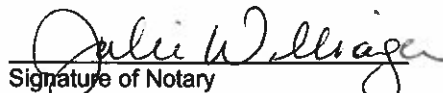
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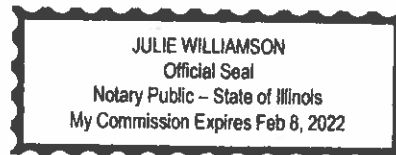
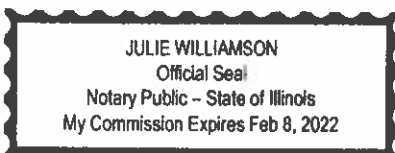


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\*Insert the EXACT legal name of the applicant



## SECTION II. DISCONTINUATION

This Section is applicable to the discontinuation of a health care facility maintained by a State agency.

**NOTE:** If the project is solely for discontinuation and if there is no project cost, the remaining Sections of the application are not applicable.

### Criterion 1110.130 – Discontinuation (State-Owned Facilities and Relocation of ESRD's)

READ THE REVIEW CRITERION and provide the following information:

#### GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Identify the categories of service and the number of beds, if any that is to be discontinued.
2. Identify all of the other clinical services that are to be discontinued.
3. Provide the anticipated date of discontinuation for each identified service or for the entire facility.
4. Provide the anticipated use of the physical plant and equipment after the discontinuation occurs.
5. Provide the anticipated disposition and location of all medical records pertaining to the services being discontinued and the length of time the records will be maintained.
6. For applications involving the discontinuation of an entire facility, certification by an authorized representative that all questionnaires and data required by HFSRB or DPH (e.g., annual questionnaires, capital expenditures surveys, etc.) will be provided through the date of discontinuation, and that the required information will be submitted no later than 90 days following the date of discontinuation.

#### REASONS FOR DISCONTINUATION

The applicant shall state the reasons for the discontinuation and provide data that verifies the need for the proposed action. See criterion 1110.130(b) for examples.

#### IMPACT ON ACCESS

1. Document whether or not the discontinuation of each service or of the entire facility will have an adverse effect upon access to care for residents of the facility's market area.
2. Document that a written request for an impact statement was received by all existing or approved health care facilities (that provide the same services as those being discontinued) located within 45 minutes travel time of the applicant facility.

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### SECTION III. BACKGROUND, PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, AND ALTERNATIVES - INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

This Section is applicable to all projects except those that are solely for discontinuation with no project costs.

#### Background

READ THE REVIEW CRITERION and provide the following required information:

##### BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

1. A listing of all health care facilities owned or operated by the applicant, including licensing, and certification if applicable.
2. A certified listing of any adverse action taken against any facility owned and/or operated by the applicant during the three years prior to the filing of the application.
3. Authorization permitting HFSRB and DPH access to any documents necessary to verify the information submitted, including, but not limited to official records of DPH or other State agencies; the licensing or certification records of other states, when applicable; and the records of nationally recognized accreditation organizations. **Failure to provide such authorization shall constitute an abandonment or withdrawal of the application without any further action by HFSRB.**
4. If, during a given calendar year, an applicant submits more than one application for permit, the documentation provided with the prior applications may be utilized to fulfill the information requirements of this criterion. In such instances, the applicant shall attest that the information was previously provided, cite the project number of the prior application, and certify that no changes have occurred regarding the information that has been previously provided. The applicant is able to submit amendments to previously submitted information, as needed, to update and/or clarify data.

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 11, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM. EACH ITEM (1-4) MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT 11.**

#### Criterion 1110.230 – Purpose of the Project, and Alternatives

##### PURPOSE OF PROJECT

1. Document that the project will provide health services that improve the health care or well-being of the market area population to be served.
2. Define the planning area or market area, or other relevant area, per the applicant's definition.
3. Identify the existing problems or issues that need to be addressed as applicable and appropriate for the project.
4. Cite the sources of the documentation.
5. Detail how the project will address or improve the previously referenced issues, as well as the population's health status and well-being.
6. Provide goals with quantified and measurable objectives, with specific timeframes that relate to achieving the stated goals **as appropriate.**

For projects involving modernization, describe the conditions being upgraded, if any. For facility projects, include statements of the age and condition of the project site, as well as regulatory citations, if any. For equipment being replaced, include repair and maintenance records.

**NOTE: Information regarding the "Purpose of the Project" will be included in the State Board Staff Report.**

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 12, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM. EACH ITEM (1-6) MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT 12.**

**ALTERNATIVES**

- 1) Identify **ALL** of the alternatives to the proposed project:

Alternative options **must** include:

- A) Proposing a project of greater or lesser scope and cost;
  - B) Pursuing a joint venture or similar arrangement with one or more providers or entities to meet all or a portion of the project's intended purposes; developing alternative settings to meet all or a portion of the project's intended purposes;
  - C) Utilizing other health care resources that are available to serve all or a portion of the population proposed to be served by the project; and
  - D) Provide the reasons why the chosen alternative was selected.
- 2) Documentation shall consist of a comparison of the project to alternative options. The comparison shall address issues of total costs, patient access, quality and financial benefits in both the short-term (within one to three years after project completion) and long-term. This may vary by project or situation. **FOR EVERY ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFIED, THE TOTAL PROJECT COST AND THE REASONS WHY THE ALTERNATIVE WAS REJECTED MUST BE PROVIDED.**
  - 3) The applicant shall provide empirical evidence, including quantified outcome data that verifies improved quality of care, as available.

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**SECTION IV. PROJECT SCOPE, UTILIZATION, AND UNFINISHED/SHELL SPACE**

**Criterion 1110.234 - Project Scope, Utilization, and Unfinished/Shell Space**

READ THE REVIEW CRITERION and provide the following information:

**SIZE OF PROJECT:**

1. Document that the amount of physical space proposed for the proposed project is necessary and not excessive. This must be a narrative and it shall include the basis used for determining the space and the methodology applied.
2. If the gross square footage exceeds the BGSF/DGSF standards in Appendix B, justify the discrepancy by documenting one of the following:
  - a. Additional space is needed due to the scope of services provided, justified by clinical or operational needs, as supported by published data or studies and certified by the facility's Medical Director.
  - b. The existing facility's physical configuration has constraints or impediments and requires an architectural design that delineates the constraints or impediments.
  - c. The project involves the conversion of existing space that results in excess square footage.
  - d. Additional space is mandated by governmental or certification agency requirements that were not in existence when Appendix B standards were adopted.

Provide a narrative for any discrepancies from the State Standard. A table must be provided in the following format with Attachment 14.

DEPARTMENT/SERVICE	PROPOSED BGSF/DGSF	SIZE OF PROJECT STATE STANDARD	DIFFERENCE	MET STANDARD?

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**PROJECT SERVICES UTILIZATION:**

This criterion is applicable only to projects or portions of projects that involve services, functions or equipment for which HFSRB has established utilization standards or occupancy targets in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100.

Document that in the second year of operation, the annual utilization of the service or equipment shall meet or exceed the utilization standards specified in 1110.Appendix B. A narrative of the rationale that supports the projections must be provided.

A table must be provided in the following format with Attachment 15.

DEPT./ SERVICE	UTILIZATION		STATE STANDARD	MEET STANDARD?
	HISTORICAL UTILIZATION (PATIENT DAYS) (TREATMENTS) ETC.	PROJECTED UTILIZATION		
YEAR 1				
YEAR 2				

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**UNFINISHED OR SHELL SPACE:**

Provide the following information:

1. Total gross square footage (GSF) of the proposed shell space.
2. The anticipated use of the shell space, specifying the proposed GSF to be allocated to each department, area or function.
3. Evidence that the shell space is being constructed due to:
  - a. Requirements of governmental or certification agencies; or
  - b. Experienced increases in the historical occupancy or utilization of those areas proposed to occupy the shell space.
4. Provide:
  - a. Historical utilization for the area for the latest five-year period for which data is available; and
  - b. Based upon the average annual percentage increase for that period, projections of future utilization of the area through the anticipated date when the shell space will be placed into operation.

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**ASSURANCES:**

Submit the following:

1. Verification that the applicant will submit to HFSRB a CON application to develop and utilize the shell space, regardless of the capital thresholds in effect at the time or the categories of service involved.
2. The estimated date by which the subsequent CON application (to develop and utilize the subject shell space) will be submitted; and
3. The anticipated date when the shell space will be completed and placed into operation.

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## SECTION VI. SERVICE SPECIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA

### F. Criterion 1110.1430 - In-Center Hemodialysis

- Applicants proposing to establish, expand and/or modernize the In-Center Hemodialysis category of service must submit the following information:
- Indicate station capacity changes by Service: Indicate # of stations changed by action(s):

Category of Service	# Existing Stations	# Proposed Stations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Center Hemodialysis	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

- READ the applicable review criteria outlined below and **submit the required documentation for the criteria:**

APPLICABLE REVIEW CRITERIA	Establish	Expand	Modernize
1110.1430(c)(1) - Planning Area Need - 77 Ill. Adm. Code 1100 (formula calculation)	X		
1110.1430(c)(2) - Planning Area Need - Service to Planning Area Residents	X	X	
1110.1430(c)(3) - Planning Area Need - Service Demand - Establishment of Category of Service	X		
1110.1430(c)(4) - Planning Area Need - Service Demand - Expansion of Existing Category of Service		X	
1110.1430(c)(5) - Planning Area Need - Service Accessibility	X		
1110.1430(d)(1) - Unnecessary Duplication of Services	X		
1110.1430(d)(2) - Maldistribution	X		
1110.1430(d)(3) - Impact of Project on Other Area Providers	X		
1110.1430(e)(1), (2), and (3) - Deteriorated Facilities and Documentation			X
1110.1430(f) - Staffing	X	X	
1110.1430(g) - Support Services	X	X	X
1110.1430(h) - Minimum Number of Stations	X		
1110.1430(i) - Continuity of Care	X		
1110.1430(j) - Relocation (if applicable)	X		
1110.1430(k) - Assurances	X	X	
<b>APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 24, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.</b>			

- Projects for relocation** of a facility from one location in a planning area to another in the same planning area must address the requirements listed in subsection (a)(1) for the "Establishment of Services or Facilities", as well as the requirements in Section 1130.525 – "Requirements for Exemptions Involving the Discontinuation of a Health Care Facility or Category of Service" and subsection 1110.1430(j) - Relocation of an in-center hemodialysis facility.



	<p style="text-align: center;">5) For any option to lease, a copy of the option, including all terms and conditions.</p> <p>e) Governmental Appropriations – a copy of the appropriation Act or ordinance accompanied by a statement of funding availability from an official of the governmental unit. If funds are to be made available from subsequent fiscal years, a copy of a resolution or other action of the governmental unit attesting to this intent;</p> <p>f) Grants – a letter from the granting agency as to the availability of funds in terms of the amount and time of receipt;</p> <p>g) All Other Funds and Sources – verification of the amount and type of any other funds that will be used for the project.</p>
<b>\$2,558,925.00</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 34, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**SECTION VIII. 1120.130 - FINANCIAL VIABILITY**

All the applicants and co-applicants shall be identified, specifying their roles in the project funding or guaranteeing the funding (sole responsibility or shared) and percentage of participation in that funding.

**Financial Viability Waiver**

The applicant is not required to submit financial viability ratios if:

1. "A" Bond rating or better
2. All of the projects capital expenditures are completely funded through internal sources
3. The applicant's current debt financing or projected debt financing is insured or anticipated to be insured by MBIA (Municipal Bond Insurance Association Inc.) or equivalent
4. The applicant provides a third party surety bond or performance bond letter of credit from an A rated guarantor.

See Section 1120.130 Financial Waiver for information to be provided

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The applicant or co-applicant that is responsible for funding or guaranteeing funding of the project shall provide viability ratios for the latest three years for which **audited financial statements are available and for the first full fiscal year at target utilization, but no more than two years following project completion.** When the applicant's facility does not have facility specific financial statements and the facility is a member of a health care system that has combined or consolidated financial statements, the system's viability ratios shall be provided. If the health care system includes one or more hospitals, the system's viability ratios shall be evaluated for conformance with the applicable hospital standards.

	Historical 3 Years			Projected
<b>Enter Historical and/or Projected Years:</b>				
Current Ratio				
Net Margin Percentage				
Percent Debt to Total Capitalization				
Projected Debt Service Coverage				
Days Cash on Hand				
Cushion Ratio				

Provide the methodology and worksheets utilized in determining the ratios detailing the calculation and applicable line item amounts from the financial statements. Complete a separate table for each co-applicant and provide worksheets for each.

**Variance**

Applicants not in compliance with any of the viability ratios shall document that another organization, public or private, shall assume the legal responsibility to meet the debt obligations should the applicant default.

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 36, IN NUMERICAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.**

## SECTION IX. 1120.140 - ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY

This section is applicable to all projects subject to Part 1120.

### A. Reasonableness of Financing Arrangements

The applicant shall document the reasonableness of financing arrangements by submitting a notarized statement signed by an authorized representative that attests to one of the following:

- 1) That the total estimated project costs and related costs will be funded in total with cash and equivalents, including investment securities, unrestricted funds, received pledge receipts and funded depreciation; or
- 2) That the total estimated project costs and related costs will be funded in total or in part by borrowing because:
  - A) A portion or all of the cash and equivalents must be retained in the balance sheet asset accounts in order to maintain a current ratio of at least 2.0 times for hospitals and 1.5 times for all other facilities; or
  - B) Borrowing is less costly than the liquidation of existing investments, and the existing investments being retained may be converted to cash or used to retire debt within a 60-day period.

### B. Conditions of Debt Financing

This criterion is applicable only to projects that involve debt financing. The applicant shall document that the conditions of debt financing are reasonable by submitting a notarized statement signed by an authorized representative that attests to the following, as applicable:

- 1) That the selected form of debt financing for the project will be at the lowest net cost available;
- 2) That the selected form of debt financing will not be at the lowest net cost available, but is more advantageous due to such terms as prepayment privileges, no required mortgage, access to additional indebtedness, term (years), financing costs and other factors;
- 3) That the project involves (in total or in part) the leasing of equipment or facilities and that the expenses incurred with leasing a facility or equipment are less costly than constructing a new facility or purchasing new equipment.

### C. Reasonableness of Project and Related Costs

Read the criterion and provide the following:

1. Identify each department or area impacted by the proposed project and provide a cost and square footage allocation for new construction and/or modernization using the following format (insert after this page).

COST AND GROSS SQUARE FEET BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE									
Department (list below)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Cost (G + H)
	Cost/Square Foot New	Mod.	Gross Sq. Ft. New	Circ.*	Gross Sq. Ft. Mod.	Circ.*	Const. \$ (A x C)	Mod. \$ (B x E)	
Contingency									
TOTALS									
* Include the percentage (%) of space for circulation									

**D. Projected Operating Costs**

The applicant shall provide the projected direct annual operating costs (in current dollars per equivalent patient day or unit of service) for the first full fiscal year at target utilization but no more than two years following project completion. Direct cost means the fully allocated costs of salaries, benefits and supplies for the service.

**E. Total Effect of the Project on Capital Costs**

The applicant shall provide the total projected annual capital costs (in current dollars per equivalent patient day) for the first full fiscal year at target utilization but no more than two years following project completion.

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**SECTION X. SAFETY NET IMPACT STATEMENT**

**SAFETY NET IMPACT STATEMENT that describes all of the following must be submitted for ALL SUBSTANTIVE PROJECTS AND PROJECTS TO DISCONTINUE STATE-OWNED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES [20 ILCS 3960/5.4]:**

1. The project's material impact, if any, on essential safety net services in the community, to the extent that it is feasible for an applicant to have such knowledge.
2. The project's impact on the ability of another provider or health care system to cross-subsidize safety net services, if reasonably known to the applicant.
3. How the discontinuation of a facility or service might impact the remaining safety net providers in a given community, if reasonably known by the applicant.

**Safety Net Impact Statements shall also include all of the following:**

1. For the 3 fiscal years prior to the application, a certification describing the amount of charity care provided by the applicant. The amount calculated by hospital applicants shall be in accordance with the reporting requirements for charity care reporting in the Illinois Community Benefits Act. Non-hospital applicants shall report charity care, at cost, in accordance with an appropriate methodology specified by the Board.
2. For the 3 fiscal years prior to the application, a certification of the amount of care provided to Medicaid patients. Hospital and non-hospital applicants shall provide Medicaid information in a manner consistent with the information reported each year to the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding "Inpatients

and Outpatients Served by Payor Source" and "Inpatient and Outpatient Net Revenue by Payor Source" as required by the Board under Section 13 of this Act and published in the Annual Hospital Profile.

3. Any information the applicant believes is directly relevant to safety net services, including information regarding teaching, research, and any other service.

A table in the following format must be provided as part of Attachment 38.

Safety Net Information per PA 96-0031			
CHARITY CARE			
Charity (# of patients)	Year	Year	Year
Inpatient			
Outpatient			
<b>Total</b>			
Charity (cost in dollars)	Year	Year	Year
Inpatient			
Outpatient			
<b>Total</b>			
MEDICAID			
Medicaid (# of patients)	Year	Year	Year
Inpatient			
Outpatient			
<b>Total</b>			
Medicaid (revenue)	Year	Year	Year
Inpatient			
Outpatient			
<b>Total</b>			

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 38, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**SECTION XI. CHARITY CARE INFORMATION**

**Charity Care information MUST be furnished for ALL projects [1120.20(c)].**

1. All applicants and co-applicants shall indicate the amount of charity care for the latest three **audited** fiscal years, the cost of charity care and the ratio of that charity care cost to net patient revenue.
2. If the applicant owns or operates one or more facilities, the reporting shall be for each individual facility located in Illinois. If charity care costs are reported on a consolidated basis, the applicant shall provide documentation as to the cost of charity care; the ratio of that charity care to the net patient revenue for the consolidated financial statement; the allocation of charity care costs; and the ratio of charity care cost to net patient revenue for the facility under review.
3. If the applicant is not an existing facility, it shall submit the facility's projected patient mix by payer source, anticipated charity care expense and projected ratio of charity care to net patient revenue by the end of its second year of operation.

**Charity care" means care provided by a health care facility for which the provider does not expect to receive payment from the patient or a third-party payer (20 ILCS 3960/3). Charity Care must be provided at cost.**

**A table in the following format must be provided for all facilities as part of Attachment 39.**

CHARITY CARE			
	Year	Year	Year
Net Patient Revenue			
Amount of Charity Care (charges)			
Cost of Charity Care			

**APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS ATTACHMENT 39, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**

**Certificates of Good standing for Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC.  
Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be the operating entity.**

**Attachment 1**

**Applicant Identification**

**Applicant(s)** [Provide for each applicant (refer to Part 1130.220)]

Exact Legal Name: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC
Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
Name of Registered Agent: Salman Azam, ESQ
Registered Agent Street Address: 333 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1815
Registered Agent City and Zip Code: Chicago, IL, 60601
Name of Chief Executive Officer: Morufu O. Alausa M.D.
CEO Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
CEO City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
CEO Telephone Number:(708) 645-1000

**Type of Ownership of Applicants**

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

- Corporations and limited liability companies must provide an **Illinois certificate of good standing.**
- Partnerships must provide the name of the state in which they are organized and the name and address of each partner specifying whether each is a general or limited partner.

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**To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:**

***I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that***

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS LLC, HAVING ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ON MARCH 13, 2019, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.**



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*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Attachment 1

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**

**Certificates of Good standing for Dialysis Care Center Holdings, LLC.  
Dialysis Care Center Holdings will be the operator of the dialysis unit.**

**Attachment 1**

**CO-Applicant(s)** [Provide for each applicant (refer to Part 1130.220)]

Exact Legal Name: Dialysis Care Center Holdings, LLC
Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
Name of Registered Agent: Salman Azam, ESQ
Registered Agent Street Address: 333 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1815
Registered Agent City and Zip Code: Chicago, IL, 60601
Name of Chief Executive Officer: Morufu O Alausa M.D.
CEO Street Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd
CEO City and Zip Code: Homer Glen, IL, 60491
CEO Telephone Number:(708) 645-1000

**Type of Ownership of Applicants**

<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification

File Number

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**I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAVING OBTAINED ADMISSION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS ON MAY 03, 2016, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ADMITTED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.**



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*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

Attachment 1

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**

**Site Ownership**

**Site Ownership**

[Provide this information for each applicable site]

Exact Legal Name of Site Owner: Meridian Investment Partners LLC
Address of Site Owner: C/O Mr Salman Azam 333 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 1815, Chicago, IL, 60601
Street Address or Legal Description of Site: 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

**Attached:**

1. A copy of the Letter of Intent to lease between Meridian Investment Partners LLC. and Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC to lease the facility at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411 is attached. The letter shows the applicant will control the site of the proposed facility after CON approval.
  
2. A copy of the draft lease.



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Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
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RE: 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

On Behalf of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC, we have been authorized to submit for review the following letter of intent outlining the general terms and conditions in which to Lease the premises:

- Landlord:** Meridian Investment Partner, LLC
- Tenant:** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC
- Premises:** Approximately 7,300 rentable square feet located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664
- Use:** The Premises shall be used for the operation of a dialysis facility and related medical/administrative offices. Tenant may operate on the premises, at tenant's option, on a seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day basis, subject to zoning and other regulatory requirements.
- Primary Lease Term:** An initial lease term of Five (5) years, five (5) months from rent commencement.
- Possession Date:** September 1, 2019 or sooner (Upon CON awarded by the Illinois State Board per the August 6, 2019 application date, see attached schedule).
- CON Contingency:** Lease is contingent upon tenant receiving a CON (Certificate of Need) awarded by the State of Illinois per the application date of August 6, 2019, per the attached State of Illinois schedule.
- Base Rental Rate:** \$15.00 psf NNN
- Rent Commencement Date:** Tenant shall have ninety (90) days from possession to complete the tenant improvements, rent to commence thereafter.
- Escalation:** 10% increases compounded after 5 years.
- Option Periods:** Two (2), five (5) year options to renew. Tenant shall provide to Landlord a ninety (90) day prior written notice of its desire to exercise each option.
- CAM:** Tenant shall be responsible for their proportionate share of CAM.
- RE Taxes:** Tenant shall be responsible for their proportionate share of real estate taxes
- Landlord's Work:** Landlord shall warranty that the roof and mechanicals are in good working order and shall maintain them throughout the term of the lease. Landlord shall make the necessary building repairs which shall consist of repair of all

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Attachment 2

parking lot and sidewalk improvements (which shall include repair/patch all potholes, sealcoat and stripe). All work shall be performed prior to rent commencement. Landlord shall offer a gross rent abatement of five (5) months in lieu of TI allowance to commence after the ninety (90) day build-out period.

**Concessions:**

As described above, an additional free rent period of two (2) months shall commence after the ninety (90) day TI allowance period.

**Demised Premises  
Shell and Site:**

Landlord shall deliver the Premises as is, except for its commitment to perform (or provide) Landlord Work.

**Contractor for Tenant  
Improvements:**

Tenant will hire a contractor and/or subcontractors of their choosing to complete their tenant improvements utilizing the tenant allowance. Tenant shall be responsible for the implementation and management of the tenant improvement construction and will not be responsible to pay for Landlord's project manager, if any.

**HVAC:**

Equipment as-is. Landlord to maintain pursuant to its Landlord maintenance, described below.

**Deliveries:**

Tenant requires delivery access to the Premises 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Emergency Generator:**

Tenant shall have the right, at its cost, to install an emergency generator to service the Premises in a location to be mutually agreed upon between the parties.

**Space Planning/Architectural  
And Mechanical Drawings:**

Tenant will provide all space planning and architectural and mechanical drawings required to build out and demolish existing improvement not needed, the tenant improvements, including construction drawings stamped by a licensed architect and submitted for approvals and permits. All building permits shall be the Tenant's responsibility.

**Utilities:**

Separately metered. Tenant shall be responsible for their electric, gas, Telephone/Internet.

**Signage:**

Tenant may install signs, at Tenant's expense, in and on the Premises to the maximum extent permitted by local law. Landlord will have the right to approve signage. Landlord's approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Landlord will grant Tenant signage space on any monument due the Premises.

**Parking:**

Landlord shall grant Tenant five (5) designated parking spaces plus one (1) ambulance space in addition to the designated handicap spaces

**Building Codes:**

Tenant has or will, perform its own building code analysis and acknowledges the demised premises will be delivered by the Landlord as described herein, without any repos or warranties regarding current or future codes.

**Assignment/  
Subletting:**

Tenant requires the right to assign or sublet all or a portion of the demised premises to any subsidiary or affiliate without Landlord's consent, provided guarantor remains fully liable under its guaranty. Any other assignment or subletting will be subject to Landlord's prior consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.



**Landlord Maintenance:**

Landlord shall, without expense to Tenant, maintain and make all necessary repairs to the structural portions of the Building to keep the building structurally sound including, without limitation: foundations, structure, load bearing walls, exterior walls, roof supports, columns, retaining walls, footings as well as water mains, gas and sewer lines serving the Premises. Landlord shall warranty HVAC for the first 18 months of lease term.

With respect to the parking and other exterior areas of the Premises and subject to reasonable reimbursement by Tenant, Landlord shall perform the following, pursuant to good and accepted business practices and reasonable management and administrative fees throughout the term: repainting or routine touch-pointing the exterior surfaces of the building when necessary; repairing, resurfacing, repaving, re-striping, and resealing of the parking areas; repainting and maintaining the roof (other than its structure, which is Landlord's responsibility); repair of all curbing, sidewalks and directional markers; removal of snow and ice; landscaping; and provision of adequate lighting during all hours of darkness that Tenant shall be open for business.

Tenant shall maintain and keep the interior of the Premises, including all windows and doors, in good repair, free of refuse and rubbish. Tenant shall return the same at the expiration or termination of the Lease in as good condition as received by Tenant, ordinary wear and tear, and damage or destruction by fire, flood, storm, civil commotion or other unavoidable causes expected. Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of all equipment serving the Premises.

**Surrender:**

At any time prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, Tenant may remove any or all the alterations, additions or installations installed by or on behalf of Tenant, in such a manner as will not substantially injure the Premises. Tenant agrees to restore the portion of the Premises affected by Tenant's removal of such alterations, additions or installations to the same condition as existed prior to the making of such alterations, additions, or installations. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, Tenant shall turn over the Premises to Landlord in good condition, ordinary wear and tear, damage or destruction by fire, flood, storm, civil commotion or other unavoidable cause excepted. All alterations, additions, or installations not so removed by Tenant shall become the property of Landlord without liability on Landlord's part to pay for the same.

**Zoning and Restrictive Covenants:**

Landlord confirms that the current property zoning is acceptable for the proposed use as an outpatient kidney dialysis clinic. There are no restrictive covenants imposed by the development, owner, and/or municipality that would in any way limit or restrict the operation of Tenant's dialysis clinic.

**Flood Plain:**

Landlord confirms that the property and premises is not in a Flood Plain or in a flood zone.

**Financing:**

Landlord will use its best efforts to cause its lender to provide a non-disturbance agreement.

**Exclusivity:**

Landlord will not, during the term of the Lease and any option terms, lease space in a 5 mile radius to any other provider of hemodialysis services.

**Environmental:**

A Phase One Environmental Study may be conducted.

**Lease Execution:**

Both parties agree that they will make best efforts to reach a fully executed lease document within thirty days of the execution of this letter of intent.

**Security Deposit:**

equal to one (1) month's gross rent payable upon full lease execution.

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**Confidential:** The material contained herein is confidential. It is intended for use of the Landlord and Tenant solely in determining whether they desire to enter into a Lease, and it is not to be copied or discussed with any other person.

**Agency:** Arthur J. Rogers & Co. represents the Tenant. Landlord shall be responsible to pay all brokerage fees per separate agreement.

**Disclaimer:** This proposal is submitted subject to errors, omissions, and changes in information, modification, and withdrawal, with or without notice.

This proposal is not intended as, and does not constitute, a binding agreement by any party, nor an agreement by any party to enter into a binding agreement, but is merely intended to specify some of the proposed terms and conditions of the transaction contemplated herein. Neither party may claim any legal rights against the other by reason of the signing of this letter or by taking any action in reliance thereon. Each party hereto fully understands that no party shall have any legal obligations to the other, or with respect to the proposed transaction have been negotiated, agreed to by all parties and set forth in a fully executed lease. The only legal obligations, which any party shall have, shall be those contained in such signed and delivered definitive agreement referred to above.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, this letter shall not constitute an agreement to negotiate and solely constitutes an outline of certain key terms. Landlord and Tenant each acknowledge and agree that each party is proceeding with negotiations relating to the proposed Lease at its sole cost and expense and that either party may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason without any liability or obligation whatsoever.

Salman, we look forward to working with you towards successfully completing this proposed Lease transaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arthur J. Rogers & Co.



Carole Caveney  
Vice President-Commercial Properties

**AGREED AND ACCEPTED:**

THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2019.

TENANT:

By: [Signature]  
Its: CEO

LANDLORD:

By: [Signature]  
Its: [Signature]



**STANDARD OFFICE LEASE**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
an Illinois limited liability company,**

**(as “LANDLORD”)**

**AND**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC,  
an Illinois limited liability company,**

**(as “TENANT”)**

**PROPERTY:**

**222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL, 60411-1664**

Attachment 2

**OFFICE LEASE**

This Office Lease (the “**Lease**”) is made and entered into as of the last date set forth on the Signature Page after the parties’ signatures (the “**Commencement Date**”), and is between **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (“**Landlord**”) and the Tenant named below.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**BASIC LEASE PROVISIONS**

The provisions of this Article 1 (“**Basic Lease Provisions**”) are intended to be in outline form and are addressed in detail in other Articles of this Lease. In the event of any disagreement, the most restrictive Article shall prevail.

**Tenant** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC,  
an Illinois limited liability company

**Tenant’s Notice Address** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC  
c/o Asim Shazzad  
15786 South Bell Road  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

with a copy to:  
Azam Chandran & Gilani, LLP  
Attention: Salman Azam, Esq.  
333 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1815  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Azam@ACGLawFirm.com

**Tenant’s Billing Address** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC  
15786 South Bell Road  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

**Landlord’s Notice Address** Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
812 Campus Dr  
Joliet, IL, 60435

with a copy to:  
Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian,  
Nemec and Hoff, Ltd.  
Attention: William M. Brennan  
835 McClintock Drive, Second Floor  
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527  
WMB@GSRNH.com

**Landlord’s Rent Payment Address** Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
812 Campus Dr  
Joliet, IL, 60435

**Guarantor** Dialysis Care Center Holdings LLC

**Property** 222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL (the “**Building**”), together with the appurtenances thereto described below. After completion of Tenant’s improvements, the Property will contain approximately 7,280 square feet of useable space.

**Tenant’s Share** 100.0%

**Initial Term** Ten (10) years, beginning on the Rent Commencement Date

**Option Term(s)** Two (2) five (5) year option periods

**Possession Date** Upon completion of Landlord’s Work described in Article 6.5 and Exhibit C, currently estimated to be October 1, 2020.

**Rent Commencement Date** The earlier of (i) Tenant opening for business, and (ii) ninety (90) days following the Possession Date, estimated to be January 1, 2020.

**Expiration Date** Ten (10) years from the Rent Commencement Date (currently anticipated to be approximately December 31, 2029).

**Base Rent** Base Rent shall be payable in accordance with the following Base Rent Schedule, subject to the provisions of Article 4 hereof:

<u>Initial Term</u>	
Year 1-5	\$ 15.00

**Security Deposit** None.

**Additional Rent** All taxes, insurance, utilities, and operating expenses of the Building and the Property, except as set forth in Article 4. During the first year of the Initial Term Additional Rent estimated to be \$8.00/SF for taxes, \$.50/SF for insurance, and \$3.00 for other operating expenses. Controllable costs not to increase by more than of 5% per year during the Initial Term (see Section 4.2(d) for “controllable Operating Expenses”).

**Permitted Uses** Medical office use for an outpatient medical dialysis clinic.

**Brokers** For Tenant: None.

For Landlord: None.

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**ARTICLE 2**  
**LEASED PROPERTY**

**2.1 Leased Property.** Subject to the terms, covenants and conditions set forth in this Lease, Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Landlord the Property specified in Article 1 (the Basic Lease Provisions). The term “**Property**” shall include the parking surfaces used in connection with the building located on the Property (the “**Building**”), all areas and facilities outside the Building and within the exterior boundary line of the Property that are provided and designated by Landlord from time to time for the general use of Tenant and its employees, suppliers, shippers, patients, and invitees, including, but not limited to, entrances, lobbies, corridors, stairways and stairwells, restrooms, elevators, escalators, loading and unloading areas, trash areas, roadways, sidewalks, walkways, parkways, ramps, driveways, signage, and landscaped areas, if any.

**2.2 Vehicle Parking.** Tenant, its employees, patients, and invitees shall have access to the parking areas of the Property on a first come-first served basis at no additional cost to Tenant but subject to the Rules and Regulations attached hereto as part of Exhibit A (“**Rules and Regulations**”). Landlord reserves the right in its discretion from time to time: (i) to reconfigure the parking area and ingress to and egress from the parking area, and (ii) to modify the directional flow of traffic in the parking area, and (iii) to reasonably modify the Rules and Regulations relating to parking.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**TERM**

**3.1 Term.** The term of this Lease (the “**Initial Term**”) and the Commencement Date shall be as specified in Article 1. All of Tenant’s obligations under this Lease shall be legally binding as of the Commencement Date.

**3.2 Possession.** Landlord agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver possession of the Property by the estimated Possession Date set forth in Article 1. If for any reason Landlord cannot tender possession of the Property to Tenant on the estimated Possession Date then the validity of this Lease and the obligations of Tenant under this Lease shall not be affected and Landlord shall not be subject to any liability therefor. Possession of the Property shall be deemed tendered to Tenant when: (a) the improvements to be provided by Landlord under Exhibit C to this Lease (the “**Landlord’s Work**”) are substantially completed, (b) the Building utilities are ready for use in the Property, and (c) Tenant has reasonable access to the Property.

**3.2 Early Possession.** If Tenant occupies the Property prior to the Possession Date with Landlord’s prior consent, such occupancy shall be subject to all provisions of this Lease except for the payment of Base Rent, and such occupancy shall not change the Expiration Date.

**3.3 Notice of Rent Commencement Date.** Promptly following the Possession Date, Landlord may, at its election, deliver to Tenant the Commencement Date Agreement (substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B) identifying the Possession Date, the Rent Commencement Date, and the Expiration Date, a copy of which agreement shall be executed by Tenant and returned to Landlord.

**3.4 Option to Renew.** Provided that: (a) Tenant is not then in default hereunder beyond any applicable notice, cure or grace period; and (b) Landlord receives written notice from the Tenant not less than seven (7) months and not more than ten (10) months prior to the expiration of the Initial Term (or Option Term,

as applicable) of Tenant's intention to extend the Term of the Lease; and (c) so long as Tenant (or such other party as is permitted or approved hereunder) is in occupation of and conducting its business in the Property in accordance with the terms of this Lease, then Landlord will grant to Tenant the right to extend the term of the Lease upon the expiration of the Initial Term for two (2) consecutive option terms of sixty (60) months each (each, an "**Option Term**" and collectively, the "**Option Terms**"). If Landlord does not timely receive notice for extending the Term, then this Section shall be null and void and of no further force or effect. Hereinafter, "Term" shall mean the Initial Term and any extension thereof, including the Option Terms, if exercised.

If Tenant timely exercises its option to extend the Term for the first or second Option Terms, then Base Rent during each of the Option Terms shall be as described in Article 1.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **RENT**

**4.1 Base Rent.** Beginning on the Rent Commencement Date as set forth in Article 1, and on the first day of each calendar month during the Term, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Base Rent set forth in Article 1, without notice, offset or deduction. Base Rent for any period during the Term which is for less than one month shall be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month. Base Rent shall be payable in lawful money of the United States to Landlord at the address stated herein or to such other persons or at such other places as Landlord may designate in writing.

**4.2 Additional Rent.** Landlord and Tenant agree that this Lease is intended as a triple-net lease, and that Tenant shall pay to Landlord all charges and other amounts required under this Lease as additional rent ("**Additional Rent**"). Tenant's obligations to pay Additional Rent shall commence on the Possession Date. Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be collectively referred to herein as "**Rent.**" Additional Rent shall include, but not be limited to Tenant's Share of all Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes (as defined in Article 10), in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) "**Tenant's Share**" is the percentage set forth in Article 1.
- (b) "**Operating Expenses**" is defined, for purposes of this Lease, to include all costs and expenses paid or incurred by Landlord in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, for:
  - (1) The operation, management, repair, maintenance, and replacement, in neat, clean, safe, good order and condition, of the Property, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (i) Carpets, drapes, blinds and window coverings, parking areas, loading and unloading areas, trash areas, roadways, sidewalks, walkways, stairways, parkways, driveways, landscaped areas, striping, bumpers, irrigation systems, lighting facilities, building exteriors and roofs, fences and gates;
    - (ii) All heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical systems, life safety equipment, elevators and escalators, signage and tenant directories, fire detection systems, including sprinkler system maintenance and repair;
    - (iii) General maintenance, trash disposal, janitorial and security services;
    - (iv) All costs and expenses in connection with providing utilities under Article 11;
    - (v) Any other service to be provided by Landlord that is elsewhere in this Lease stated to be an "**Operating Expense**;"

- (2) The cost of the premiums for the liability and property insurance policies to be maintained by Landlord under Article 8;
- (3) The amount of the real property taxes to be paid by Landlord under Section 10.1 including any fees paid by Landlord to contest or appeal the tax assessment for purposes of lowering such assessment;
- (4) The cost of water, sewer, gas, electricity, and other publicly mandated services to the Property;
- (5) Reasonable management fees, administrative fees, and asset manager fees; and
- (6) All other reasonable and customary expenses incurred by landlords of similar properties in the management and operation of same.

(c) Operating Expenses shall not include the cost of capital improvements incurred in compliance with current or future laws; repairs to exterior portions of the Building such as the roof, walls, foundation, façade, plumbing and wiring to the point of entry to the Building; those operating expenses not attributable to Tenant; depreciation; interest; principal payments of mortgage and other non-operating debts of Landlord; the cost of repairs or other work to the extent Landlord is reimbursed by insurance or condemnation proceeds; costs in connection with leasing space in the Building, including brokerage commissions; lease concessions, including rental abatements and construction allowances, granted to specific tenants; costs incurred in connection with the sale, financing or refinancing of the Building; or any expenses for which Landlord has received actual reimbursement (other than through Operating Expenses). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operating Expenses shall include the annual cost of capital improvements, amortized over their respective useful lives including but not limited to parking lot maintenance, repair and replacement.

(d) Landlord agrees that beginning in 2021 and continuing through the Initial Term, Tenant's Share of controllable Operating Expenses shall not increase by more than 5% over Tenant's Share of controllable Operating Expenses for the prior calendar year, on a noncumulative, non-compounding basis. For purposes of this Section, "controllable Operating Expenses" shall mean those portions of Operating Expenses over which Landlord has discretion and the ability to manage. Controllable Operating Expenses shall not include such items as Landlord does not control, such as the cost of insurance, Real Property Taxes, utilities, snow and ice removal, and similar expenses.

(e) With respect to any Operating Expenses not paid directly to third party service providers or other entities as set forth in (f), Landlord shall from time to time deliver to Tenant a written estimate of the Operating Expenses to be incurred for the calendar year. Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses shall be payable by Tenant monthly based on such estimate during each year of the Term, on the same day as the Base Rent is due hereunder. Landlord shall deliver to Tenant within a reasonable time after the expiration of each calendar year a reasonably detailed statement ("**Operating Expense Statement**") showing the actual amount of Tenant's Share of the Operating Expenses incurred during such year. If Landlord's estimate of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses exceeded the actual amount of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, Tenant shall be entitled to credit in the amount of such overpayment against the portion of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses next falling due, or, if this Lease has terminated, such excess shall be refunded to Tenant within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord to Tenant of the Operating Expense Statement. If Landlord's estimate of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses was less than the actual amount of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, Tenant shall pay to Landlord (whether or not this Lease has terminated) the amount of the deficiency within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord to Tenant of the Operating Expense Statement.

(f) At Landlord's direction, Tenant shall pay any Operating Expenses directly to the service provider or other instrumentality levying an Operating Expense, such as the Cook County Treasurer as to real

estate taxes, landscape contractors, and so forth. In each such instance, Tenant shall provide satisfactory evidence to Landlord of the payment of same.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**[RESERVED]**

**ARTICLE 6**  
**PROPERTY USE**

**6.1 Use.** The Property shall be used and occupied solely by Tenant and Tenant shall use the Property solely for the purpose set forth in Article 1, and for no other purpose, without the express written permission of Landlord. Tenant agrees that any variation from or expansion of the use specified herein shall constitute a material breach of this Lease.

**6.2** [RESERVED].

**6.3 Compliance with Law.** Tenant shall, at Tenant's expense, promptly comply with all Applicable Laws, all orders, rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Underwriters having jurisdiction over the Property or any other body exercising similar functions. As used herein, the term "**Applicable Laws**" means all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, orders, rules, regulations and requirements, of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governmental authorities and the departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, instrumentalities, and officers thereof relating to or affecting Tenant, the Property or the Building or the use, operation or occupancy of the Property, whether now existing or hereafter enacted. Tenant shall conduct its business in a lawful manner and shall not use or permit the use of the Property or the Common Areas in any manner that will tend to create waste or a nuisance or shall tend to disturb other occupants of the Property.

**6.4 Specially Designated National or Blocked Person.** Tenant certifies that it is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any person, group, entity or nation designated by any Executive Order or the United States Treasury Department as a terrorist, "Specially Designated National or Blocked Person," or other banned or blocked person, group, entity or nation pursuant to any Applicable Laws that are administered or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, nor is Tenant initiating, facilitating or engaging in this transaction, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any such person, group, entity or nation.

**6.5 Landlord's Work; Acceptance of Property.**

(a) **Landlord's Work.** Landlord shall tender possession and occupancy of the Property to Tenant on the Possession Date set forth in Article 1 with the Landlord's Work identified on **Exhibit C** substantially completed. Tenant acknowledges that the estimated Possession Date shall be extended day for day for each day of Permitted Delay as defined in the Work Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Except as otherwise provided in **Exhibit C**, Landlord shall have no other obligation for construction work or improvements to the Property. The improvements now or hereafter situated upon the Property, whether constructed by, for, or at the expense of either Landlord or Tenant, are and shall become a part of the Property and Tenant shall have only a leasehold interest therein.

(b) **Acceptance of Property.** By taking possession of the Property, Tenant agrees that the Property is in good order and satisfactory condition, and that there are no representations or warranties by Landlord regarding the condition of the Property or the Building except as set forth in **Exhibit C**. Tenant acknowledges that it made a thorough and independent examination of the Property and all matters relating to Tenant's decision to enter into this Lease. Tenant is thoroughly familiar with the Property and is satisfied that same is in an acceptable condition and meet Tenant's needs. Tenant accepts the Property in its "AS IS, WHERE IS" condition existing as of the Possession Date or the date that Tenant first takes possession of the Property, whichever is earlier, subject to all applicable zoning, municipal, county and state laws, ordinances

and regulations governing and regulating the use of the Property, and any easements, covenants or restrictions of record, and accepts this Lease subject thereto and to all matters disclosed thereby and by any exhibits attached hereto. Tenant acknowledges that the Property is in good order and repair and that it has satisfied itself by its own independent investigation that the Property is suitable for its intended use, and that neither Landlord nor Landlord's agent or agents has made any representation or warranty as to the present or future suitability of the Property for the conduct of Tenant's business.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS; ALTERATIONS**

**7.1 Landlord Obligations.** Except for damage caused by any act or omission of Tenant or Tenant's employees, agents, contractors or invitees, Landlord will keep the foundation, roof, façade, fire prevention systems, structural supports and exterior walls of the Building in good order, condition and repair. Landlord will not be obligated to maintain or repair HVAC systems, windows, doors or plate glass. Tenant will promptly report in writing to Landlord any defective condition known to it which Landlord is required to repair. Except to the extent caused solely by Tenant's negligence and not covered by any insurance carried by Landlord and not covered by any insurance required to be carried by Landlord hereunder (in which event Tenant shall be responsible), Landlord shall, at Landlord's cost and expense (subject to Landlord's right to recover the amortized cost of same as part of Operating Expenses as set forth elsewhere herein), repair or replace the utilities serving the Premises to the point of entry and other similar Building components with others of at least equal efficiency, quality and capacity if the cost of making any needed repairs would exceed fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost of the item or system needing repair.

#### **7.2 Tenant's Obligations.**

(a) Except as to Landlord obligations set forth in 7.1 above, Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, perform all necessary or appropriate maintenance, repairs and replacements, in a first class, good and workmanlike manner, to the Building and to the Property so as to maintain same in first class condition and repair.

(b) Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, make any repairs to the Building and Property that may be required so as to tender the Property to Landlord at the Expiration Date in substantially the same condition as at the Rent Commencement Date, excepting normal wear and tear, condemnation and casualty other than that required to be insured against by Tenant hereunder, and free of all of Tenant's personal property and fixtures.

(c) Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall replace as necessary, make all repairs to, and provide for the routine and ordinary maintenance of, the heating, ventilating and cooling equipment ("HVAC"), electrical panels and fixtures, and plumbing systems.

(d) Tenant will maintain a service agreement with licensed HVAC technicians, and will be responsible for maintaining and servicing the HVAC throughout the Term and shall provide evidence thereof to landlord upon request.

#### **7.3 Alterations and Additions.**

(a) Tenant shall not make or permit any alterations, installations, improvements, additions, or repairs, structural or otherwise (collectively, "**Alterations**"), in, on or about the Property without Landlord's prior written consent, which Landlord may give or withhold in Landlord's reasonable discretion. As used herein, the term "**Alterations**" shall include, but not be limited to, carpeting, window and wall coverings, power panels, electrical distribution systems, lighting fixtures, air conditioning, plumbing, and telephone and telecommunication wiring and equipment. Along with any request for consent, Tenant will deliver to Landlord

plans and specifications for the Alterations and names and addresses of all prospective contractors for the Alterations. If Landlord approves the proposed Alterations, Tenant will, before commencing the Alterations, deliver to Landlord copies of all contracts, certificates of insurance, copies of all necessary permits and licenses and such other information relating to the Alterations as Landlord reasonably requests. Tenant will cause all approved Alterations to be constructed (i) in a good and workmanlike manner, (ii) in compliance with all Applicable Laws, (iii) in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and with any design guidelines established by Landlord, (iv) in accordance with all orders, rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Underwriters having jurisdiction over the Property or any other body exercising similar functions, and (v) during times reasonably determined by Landlord to minimize interference with other Tenants' use and enjoyment of the Property.

(b) Tenant shall pay the cost and expense of all Alterations, including, without limitation, a reasonable charge for Landlord's review, inspection and engineering time, and for any painting, restoring or repairing the Property or the Building that the Alterations occasion. Prior to commencing any Alterations, Tenant will deliver the following to Landlord in form and amount reasonably satisfactory to Landlord: (i) demolition (if applicable) and payment and performance bonds, (ii) builder's "all risk" insurance in an amount at least equal to the replacement value of the Alterations, and (iii) evidence that Tenant and each of Tenant's contractors have in force commercial general liability insurance insuring against construction related risks in at least the form, amounts and coverages required of Tenant under Article 8. The insurance policies described in clauses (ii) and (iii) must name Landlord, Landlord's lender and the Property Manager as additional insureds.

(c) Landlord may inspect construction of the Alterations. Immediately upon completion of any Alterations, Tenant will furnish Landlord with contractor affidavits and full and final lien waivers and receipted bills covering all labor and materials expended and used in connection with the Alterations. Tenant will remove any Alterations Tenant constructs in violation of this Section 7.3 within ten (10) days after Landlord's written request and in any event prior to the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. All Alterations Tenant makes or causes to be made to the Property shall become the property of Landlord and a part of the Building immediately upon installation and, unless Landlord requests Tenant to remove the Alterations, Tenant will surrender the Alterations to Landlord upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease at no cost to Landlord. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant shall remove all telephone, computer, security and other wiring and cabling located within the Property, including without limitation any located within the walls of the Property, on or before the Expiration Date or any earlier termination of this Lease.

(d) Tenant will keep the Property and the Property free from any mechanics', materialmens', or other liens arising out of any work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by or for Tenant. In the event that Tenant shall not, within ten (10) days following the imposition of any such lien, cause the lien to be released of record by payment or posting of a proper bond, Landlord shall have, in addition to all other remedies provided herein and by law, the right but not the obligation to cause any such lien to be released by such means as it shall deem proper, including payment of the claim giving rise to such lien. All such sums paid by Landlord and all expenses incurred by it in connection therewith (including, without limitation, reasonable counsel fees) shall be payable to Landlord by Tenant upon demand. Landlord shall have the right at all times to post and keep posted on the Property any notices permitted or required by law or that Landlord shall deem proper for the protection of Landlord, the Property, and the Property, from mechanics' and materialmens' liens. Tenant shall give to Landlord at least ten (10) days' prior written notice of commencement of any repair or construction on the Property.

(e) Tenant may perform general decorating to the Property, for which building permits are not required, without the Landlord's prior consent.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**INSURANCE; INDEMNITY**

**8.1 Insurance.** Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, obtain and keep in effect during the Term:

(a) Commercial general liability insurance applying to the use and occupancy of the Property and any part thereof, or any areas adjacent thereto and including any licensed areas and storage spaces and the business operated by Tenant and any other occupants in the Property. Such insurance shall have a limit of liability of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$3,000,000.00 annual aggregate. Such policy shall be written to apply to all bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and other covered loss, however occasioned occurring during the policy term, with at least the following endorsements to the extent such endorsements are generally available: (i) deleting any employee exclusion on personal injury coverage, (ii) including employees as additional insureds, (iii) providing broad form property damage coverage and products completed operations coverage (where applicable), (iv) containing blanket contractual liability, (v) be primary coverage and non-contributory, and (vi) providing for coverage of owned and non-owned automobile liability;

(b) Standard fire and extended perils insurance, including sprinkler leakages, vandalism and malicious mischief covering property of every description including furniture, fittings, installations, alterations, additions, partitions and fixtures or anything in the nature of a leasehold improvement made or installed by or on behalf of the Tenant in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the full replacement cost thereof as shall from time to time be determined by Tenant in form satisfactory to Landlord;

(c) State Worker's Compensation Insurance in the statutorily mandated limits and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), or such greater amount as Landlord may from time to time require; and

(d) Business Interruption Insurance for a period of at least twelve (12) months commencing with the date of loss insuring that the Rent will be paid to Landlord during this period if the Property are destroyed or rendered inaccessible.

(e) Employers Liability with limits of \$500,000.00 each accident, \$500,000.00 disease policy limit, \$500,000.00 disease - each employee.

**8.2 Insurance Policies.** All policies of insurance provided for herein shall be issued by insurance companies with a financial rating of A as rated in the most current available "Best's Insurance Reports," and qualified to do business in the State of Illinois, and shall include as additional insureds, Landlord, Landlord's investment advisor, if any, the property manager designated by Landlord, if any ("**Property Manager**"), and such other persons or firms as Landlord specifies from time to time. Such policies shall be for the mutual and joint benefit and protection of Landlord, Tenant and others hereinabove mentioned, and executed copies of such policies of insurance or certificates thereof shall be delivered to Landlord within ten (10) days prior to the delivery of possession of the Property to Tenant and thereafter within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of such policy. All commercial general liability and property damage policies shall contain a provision that Landlord and the Property Manager, although named as additional insureds, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under said policies for any loss occasioned to it, its servants, agents and employees, by reason of Tenant's negligence.

As often as any policy shall expire or terminate, renewal or additional policies shall be procured and maintained by Tenant in like manner and to like extent. All such policies of insurance shall provide that the company writing said policy will give to Landlord thirty (30) days' notice in writing in advance of any cancellation or lapse or of the effective date of any reduction in the amounts of insurance. All commercial

general liability, property damage and other casualty policies shall be written on an occurrence basis and as primary policies, and not in excess of coverage that Landlord may carry. Landlord's coverage shall not be contributory. Tenant's insurance shall specifically include the liability assumed hereunder by Tenant, shall provide for severability of interests, shall further provide that an act or omission of one of the named insureds which would void or otherwise reduce coverage shall not reduce or void the coverage as to any insured, and shall afford coverage for all claims based on acts, omissions, injury or damage which occurred or arose (or the onset of which occurred or arose) in whole or in part during the policy period.

**8.3 Failure to Obtain.** Should Tenant fail to take out and keep in force each insurance policy required under this Article, or should such insurance not be approved by Landlord and should the Tenant not rectify the situation within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice from Landlord to Tenant, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, Landlord shall have the right, without assuming any obligation in connection herewith, to effect such insurance at the sole cost of Tenant, and all outlays by the Landlord shall be immediately payable by the Tenant to the Landlord as Additional Rent without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of Landlord under this Lease.

**8.4 Waiver of Subrogation.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, to the extent permitted by their respective policies of insurance and to the extent of insurance proceeds received with respect to the loss, Landlord and Tenant each waive any right of recovery against the other party and against any other party maintaining a policy of insurance with respect to the Property or any portion thereof or the contents of any of the same, for any loss or damage maintained by such other party with respect to the Property or any portion of any thereof or the contents of the same or any operation therein, whether or not such loss is caused by the fault or negligence of such other party. If any policy of insurance relating to the Property carried by Tenant or Landlord does not permit the foregoing waiver or if the coverage under any such policy would be invalidated as a result of such waiver, Tenant or Landlord shall, if possible, obtain from the insurer under such policy a waiver of all rights of subrogation the insurer might have against Landlord or any other party maintaining a policy of insurance covering the same loss, in connection with any claim, loss or damage covered by such policy.

**8.5 Landlord's Liability.** No approval by Landlord of any insurer, or the terms or conditions of any policy, or any coverage or amount of insurance, or any deductible amount shall be construed as a representation by Landlord of the solvency of the insurer or the sufficiency of any policy or any coverage or amount of insurance or deductible and Tenant assumes full risk and responsibility for any inadequacy of insurance coverage or any failure of insurers.

**8.6 Landlord's Insurance.** Landlord shall maintain in effect a policy or policies of property insurance covering the Property, providing protection against perils included within the classification "Fire and Extended Coverage" in such amount as is reasonably determined by Landlord and a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance for personal injuries or deaths of persons occurring in or about the Property. Nothing herein shall require Landlord to carry any insurance with respect to risks or property required to be insured by Tenant under this Lease or by any other tenant under such other tenant's lease, or with respect to any improvements or fixtures in the Property that have been constructed or installed by or at the expense of any other tenant in the Property.

**8.7 Indemnity.** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend and save and hold Landlord, the Property Manager, and their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents and employees, harmless, from and against any and all losses, costs, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and reasonable investigation costs, incurred in connection with or arising from: (a) any default by Tenant in the observance or performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Lease on Tenant's part to be observed or performed, or (b) the use or occupancy or manner of use or occupancy of the Property by Tenant or any person or entity claiming through or under Tenant, or (c) the condition of the Property or any occurrence on the Property from any cause whatsoever, except to the extent caused by the sole

negligence or willful misconduct of Landlord, or (d) any acts, omissions or negligence of Tenant or of the contractors, agents, servants, employees, visitors, customers, or licensees of Tenant, in, on or about the Property. Tenant's obligations under this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease.

**8.8 Limitation of Liability.** Tenant agrees that Landlord shall not be responsible for or liable to Tenant and Tenant releases Landlord and waives all claims against Landlord for any injury, loss or damage to any person or property in or about the Property by or from any cause whatsoever (other than Landlord's sole negligence or willful misconduct); theft; burst, stopped or leaking water, gas, sewer or steam pipes; or gas, fire, oil or electricity in, on or about the Property. The liability of Landlord, any agent of Landlord, or any of their respective officers, directors, board members, beneficiaries, shareholders, or employees to Tenant for or in respect of any default by Landlord under the terms of this Lease or in respect of any other claim or cause of action shall be limited to the interest of Landlord in the Building, and Tenant agrees to look solely to Landlord's interest in the Property for the recovery and satisfaction of any judgment against Landlord, any agent of Landlord, or any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, and employees. No holder or beneficiary of any mortgage or deed of trust on any part of the Property shall have any liability to Tenant hereunder for any default of Landlord.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION**

**9.1 Definition.** The term "Casualty", for purposes of this Lease, includes (but is not limited to) the following acts or events:

(a) Extreme events of nature including but not limited to fire, flood, bad weather, earthquake, and other similar occurrences;

(b) Any act of war, terrorism, or bio-terrorism, where "bio-terrorism" shall mean the release (or threatened release) of an airborne agent or other contaminant that is or could adversely affect the Building or its occupants.

**9.2** If the Property or any portion thereof) are damaged by fire or other Casualty, Landlord shall forthwith repair the same (except for Alterations installed by or on behalf of Tenant) provided that such repairs can be made within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of such damage under the laws and regulations of the federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction thereof and are covered by the proceeds of insurance required to be maintained by Landlord pursuant to Section 8.6 hereof. In such event, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect except that Tenant shall be entitled to a proportionate abatement of Base Rent and Additional Rent while such repairs are being made as provided below. Tenant shall further be entitled to a proportionate abatement of Base Rent and Additional Rent resulting from such loss of use of Common Areas of the Property but only to the extent such fire or casualty actually interferes with the operation of Tenant's business. Within thirty (30) days after the date of such damage, Landlord shall notify Tenant whether or not such repairs are covered by insurance required to be maintained by Landlord pursuant to Section 8.6 and whether such repairs can be made within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of such damage. Landlord's determination thereof shall be binding on Tenant. If such repairs cannot be made within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of such damage or such damage is not so covered by insurance, Landlord shall have the option within thirty (30) days after the date of such damage to notify Tenant of its election to terminate this Lease as of a date specified in such notice, which date shall not be less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after notice is given.

If Landlord notifies Tenant that or such damage is not so covered by insurance, Landlord shall either: (a) notify Tenant of Landlord's intention to repair such damage, in which event this Lease shall continue in full force and effect, Landlord shall diligently prosecute such repairs to completion, and the Base Rent and

Additional Rent shall be reduced as provided herein; or (b) notify Tenant of Landlord's election to terminate this Lease as of a date specified in such notice, which date shall be not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after notice is given. If such notice to terminate is given by Landlord, this Lease shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. In case of termination, the Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be reduced by a proportionate amount based upon the extent to which such damage interfered with the business carried on by Tenant in the Property, and Tenant shall pay such reduced Base Rent and Additional Rent up to the date of termination. Landlord agrees to refund to Tenant any Base Rent and Additional Rent previously paid for any period of time subsequent to such date of termination. The repairs to be made hereunder by Landlord shall not include, and Landlord shall not be required to repair, any damage by fire or other cause to the property of Tenant or any damage caused by the negligence of Tenant, its contractors, agents, licensees or employees or any repairs or replacements of any paneling, decorations, railings, floor coverings, or any Alterations, additions, fixtures or improvements installed on the Property by or at the expense of Tenant.

**9.3** If Landlord elects or is required hereunder to repair, reconstruct or restore the Property after any damage or destruction thereto, Tenant shall, at its own expense, as soon as reasonably practicable, replace or fully repair, reconstruct or restore all Alterations installed by Tenant and all other of Tenant's improvements, fixtures and property. Tenant hereby waives the provisions of any statute or law that may be in effect at the time of the occurrence of any such damage or destruction, under which a lease is automatically terminated or a Tenant is given the right to terminate a lease upon such an occurrence.

**9.4** Tenant shall have no interest in or claim to any portion of the proceeds of any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Landlord. Except as otherwise provided herein, Landlord shall have no interest in or claim to any portion of the proceeds of any insurance maintained by Tenant under Article 8.

**9.5** Tenant agrees at all times after any damage to or destruction of the improvements on the Property, or any portion thereof, to continue the operation of its business therein to the extent practicable. If Landlord is required or elects to make any repairs, reconstruction or restoration of any damage or destruction to the Property under any of the provisions of this Article, Tenant shall not be entitled to any damages by reason of any inconvenience or loss sustained by Tenant as a result thereof. During the period commencing with the date of any such damage or destruction that Landlord is required or elects hereunder to repair, reconstruct or restore, and ending with the completion of such repairs, reconstruction or restoration the Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be proportionately abated to the extent to which such damage and the making of such repairs by Landlord shall interfere with the business carried on by Tenant in the Property. The full amount of Base Rent and Additional Rent shall again become payable immediately upon the completion of such work of repair, reconstruction or restoration. Except as expressly hereinabove provided, there shall be no reduction, change or abatement of any rental or other charge payable by Tenant to Landlord hereunder, or in the method of computing, accounting for or paying the same.

#### **9.6 Interruption of Service.**

(a) **Interruption of Service Defined.** No damages, compensation, or claim shall be payable by Landlord, and this Lease and the obligations of Tenant to perform all of its covenants and agreements hereunder shall in no way be affected, impaired, reduced, or excused, in the event that there is an interruption, curtailment, or suspension of the Building's HVAC, utility, sanitary, elevator, water, telecommunications, security (including equipment, devices, and personnel), or other Building systems serving the Property or any other services required of Landlord under this Lease (each, an "**Interruption of Service**"), by reason of:

- (1) any Casualty;
- (2) any emergency situation creating a threat to person or property;

- (3) any other causes of any kind whatsoever that are beyond the control of Landlord, including but not limited to:
- (i) a lack of access to the Building or the Property beyond the control of Landlord (which shall include, but not be limited to, the lack of access to the Building or the Property when it or they are structurally sound but inaccessible due to the evacuation of the surrounding area or damage to nearby structures or public areas);
  - (ii) any cause outside the Building including street closures or rerouting;
  - (iii) reduced air quality or other contaminants within the Building that would adversely affect the Building or its occupants (including, but not limited to, the presence of biological or other airborne agents within the Building or the Property);
  - (iv) a disruption of mail and deliveries to the Property resulting from a Casualty;
  - (v) a disruption of telephone and telecommunications services to the Building or the Property resulting from a Casualty; or,
  - (vi) a blockage of any windows, doors, or walkways to the Building or the Property resulting from a Casualty.

(b) **Landlord's Interruption of Services.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Lease, Landlord reserves the right, without any liability to Tenant, and without being in breach of any covenant of this Lease, to effect an Interruption of Service, as required by this Lease or by law, or as Landlord in good faith deems advisable, whenever and for so long as may be reasonably necessary, to make repairs, alterations, upgrades, changes, or for any other reason, to the Building's HVAC, utility, sanitary, elevator, water, telecommunications, security (including equipment, devices, and personnel), or other Building systems serving the Property or any other services required of Landlord under this Lease. In each instance, Landlord shall exercise reasonable diligence to eliminate the cause of the Interruption of Service, if resulting from conditions within the Building, and conclude the Interruption of Service. Landlord shall give Tenant notice, when practicable, of the commencement and anticipated duration of such Interruption of Service.

- (c) **No Remedies.** The occurrence of an Interruption of Service shall not:
- (1) constitute an actual or constructive eviction of Tenant, in whole or in part;
  - (2) entitle Tenant to any abatement or diminution of Base Rent, Additional Rent, or any other costs due from Tenant pursuant to this Lease;
  - (3) relieve or release Tenant from any of its obligations under this Lease;
  - (4) entitle Tenant to terminate this Lease.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **TAXES**

**10.1 Real Property Taxes.** Subject to the provisions of Section 10.2, Landlord shall pay the Real Property Taxes, as defined in Section 10.2, applicable to the Property and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for Tenant's Share of the Real Property Taxes in the same manner as Operating Expenses in accordance with Section 4.2.

**10.2 Definition. "Real Property Taxes"** means all taxes, assessments and charges levied upon or with respect to the Property or any personal property of Landlord used in the operation thereof, or Landlord's interest in the Property or such personal property. Real Property Taxes shall include, without limitation, all general real property taxes and general and special assessments, charges, fees, or assessments for transit, housing, police, fire, or other governmental services or purported benefits to the Property or the occupants thereof, service payments in lieu of taxes, and any tax, fee, or excise on the act of entering into this Lease or any other lease of space in the Property, or on the use or occupancy of the Property or any part thereof, or on the rent payable under any lease or in connection with the business of renting space in the Property, that are now or hereafter levied or assessed against Landlord by the United States of America, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof, public corporation, district, or any other political or public entity, and shall also include any other tax, fee or other excise, however described, that may be levied or assessed as a substitute for, or as an addition to, in whole or in part, any other real property taxes, whether or not now customary or in the contemplation of the parties on the date of this Lease. Real Property Taxes shall also include all fees, costs, and expenses (including expert witness fees and costs) incurred by Landlord in connection with its attempts to obtain reductions in assessed valuation of the taxable components of the Property or taxes rates attributable thereto. Real Property Taxes shall not include franchise, transfer, inheritance, or capital stock taxes or income taxes measured by the net income of Landlord from all sources unless, due to a change in the method of taxation, any of such taxes is levied or assessed against Landlord as a substitute for, or as an addition to, in whole or in part, any other tax that would otherwise constitute a real property tax. Real Property Taxes shall also include reasonable legal and consulting fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in connection with proceedings to contest, determine, or reduce Real Property Taxes.

**10.3 Personal Property Taxes.** Tenant shall pay prior to delinquency all taxes assessed against and levied upon trade fixtures, furnishings, equipment and all other personal property of Tenant located in the Property or elsewhere.

## **ARTICLE 11** **UTILITIES**

**11.1 Services Provided by Landlord.** Landlord shall provide utilities sufficient for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electricity sufficient for normal office use, tap water sufficient for normal drinking and lavatory use.

**11.2 Services Exclusive to Tenant.** Tenant shall pay for all utilities and services furnished to or used at the Property, including water, gas, electricity, other power, telephone and other communications services, and all other utilities and services supplied and/or metered to the Property or to Tenant, together with any taxes or impositions thereon. Tenant shall be responsible for its security and janitorial services.

## **ARTICLE 12** **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING**

**12.1** Tenant shall not directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by merger, acquisition, or other transfer of any controlling interest in Tenant) voluntarily or by operation of law sell, assign, mortgage, encumber, pledge or otherwise transfer or hypothecate all or any part of Tenant's interest in or rights with respect to the Property or its leasehold estate hereunder (collectively, "**Assignment**"), or permit all or any portion of the Property to be occupied by anyone other than itself or sublet all or any portion of the Property (collectively, "**Sublease**") without Landlord's prior written consent in each instance, which consent, it is expressly understood and agreed, may not unreasonably be withheld or delayed by Landlord.

**12.2** If Tenant desires to enter into an Assignment of this Lease or a Sublease of the Property or any portion thereof, it shall give written notice (the "**Notice of Proposed Transfer**") to Landlord of its intention to do so no less than thirty (30) days prior to such proposed Assignment of Sublease, which notice

shall contain: (i) the name and address of the proposed assignee, subtenant or occupant (“**Transferee**”), (ii) the nature of the proposed Transferee’s business to be carried on in the Property, (iii) the terms and provisions of the proposed Assignment or Sublease and (iv) such financial information as Landlord may reasonably request concerning the proposed Transferee.

**12.3** At any time within twenty (20) days after Landlord’s receipt of the Notice of Proposed Transfer pursuant to Section 12.2, Landlord may by written notice to Tenant elect in its sole discretion to: (i) terminate this Lease as to the portion (including all) of the Property that is specified in the Notice of Proposed Transfer, which, in case of termination as to less than all of the Property, a proportionate reduction in Base Rent and Additional Rent, (ii) consent to the proposed Assignment or Sublease, or (iii) reasonably disapprove the proposed Assignment or Sublease in writing with reason for disapproval. If Landlord elects to consent to the proposed Assignment or Sublease, Tenant may, not later than ninety (90) days thereafter, enter into such Assignment or Sublease with the proposed Transferee and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Proposed Transfer, and fifty percent (50%) of any rent or other consideration received by Tenant in excess of the Base Rent and Additional Rent payable hereunder (or the amount thereof proportionate to the portion of the Property subject to such Sublease or Assignment) and reasonable commissions and the cost of any Alterations incurred in connection with such Sublease or Assignment, shall be paid to Landlord. If Landlord elects the option provided in clause (i), Landlord shall be entitled to enter into a lease, sublease or assignment with respect to the Property (or portion thereof specified in said Notice of Proposed Transfer) with the proposed Transferee identified in Tenant’s notice.

**12.4** No Sublease or Assignment by Tenant nor any consent by Landlord thereto shall relieve Tenant of any obligation to be performed by Tenant under this Lease. Any Sublease or Assignment that is not in compliance with this Article 12 shall be null and void and, at the option of Landlord, shall constitute a non-curable default by Tenant under this Lease and Landlord shall be entitled to pursue any right or remedy available to Landlord under the terms of this Lease or under the laws of the State of Illinois. The acceptance of any Rent or other payments by Landlord from a proposed Transferee shall not constitute consent to such Sublease or Assignment by Landlord or a recognition of any Transferee, or a waiver by Landlord of any failure of Tenant or other Transferor to comply with this Article 12.

**12.5** Notwithstanding anything in this Article 12 to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of Section 12.6 below, Landlord’s prior written consent shall not be required for a transfer of corporate shares by bequest or inheritance between or among the present majority stockholders of Tenant, to their immediate family, or any trust created for the benefit of such immediate family member or members; or any assignment of this Lease to any of the following: (i) a subsidiary, affiliate, division or corporation controlling, controlled by or under common control with Tenant; (ii) a successor corporation related to Tenant by merger, consolidation, or non-bankruptcy reorganization; (iii) a purchaser of all or substantially all of Tenant’s assets, or (iv) in the case of a public offering of the stock of Tenant, the purchasers of Tenant’s capital stock; provided that (a) Tenant is not in default under this Lease; (b) Tenant provides Landlord with the written notice required by Section 12.2(i)-(iv); and (c) after such assignment or transfer the operation of the business conducted in the Property shall be operated in the manner required by this Lease. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “control” means owning directly or indirectly fifty percent (50%) or more of the beneficial interest in such entity, or having the direct or indirect power to control the management policies of each person or entity, whether through ownership, by contract or otherwise. As a condition to this Section 12.5, Tenant agrees to inform Landlord in writing of the proposed assignment or other transfer no less than thirty (30) days prior to any assignment or other transfer referred to in this Section 12.5.

**12.6** Any Transferee approved by Landlord or transferee or assignee under Section 12.5, shall, from and after the effective date of the Assignment or Sublease, assume all obligations of Tenant under this Lease and shall be and remain liable jointly and severally with Tenant for the payment of Rent and for the performance of all of the terms, covenants, conditions and agreements herein contained on Tenant’s part to be performed for the Term. No Assignment shall be binding on Landlord unless Tenant or Transferee shall deliver

to Landlord a counterpart of the Assignment and an instrument that contains a covenant of assumption by such Transferee satisfactory in substance and form to Landlord, and consistent with the requirements of this Section 12.6. Any failure or refusal of such Transferee to execute such instrument of assumption shall constitute a default under this Lease but shall not release or discharge such Transferee from its liability as set forth above.

**12.7** Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for administrative and legal expenses associated with the review and preparation of legal documents with each request by Tenant that Landlord consent to a proposed assignment, change of ownership or hypothecation of this Lease.

### **ARTICLE 13** **DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

**13.1 Default.** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a material default by Tenant under this Lease:

(a) The breach by Tenant of any of the covenants, conditions or provisions of Sections 7.3(a), (b) or (d) (alterations), 12 (assignment or subletting), 17 (estoppel certificate), or 20.12 (subordination), all of which are deemed to be material, non-curable defaults without the necessity of any notice by Landlord to Tenant thereof.

(b) The failure by Tenant to make any payment of Rent or any other payment required to be made by Tenant hereunder, without deduction or offset, as and when due, where such failure shall continue for a period of five (5) days after written notice thereof from Landlord to Tenant. In the event that Landlord serves Tenant with a Notice pursuant to applicable Forcible Entry and Detainer statutes such Notice to Pay Rent or Quit shall also constitute the notice required by this subparagraph.

(c) The failure by Tenant to observe or perform any of the covenants, conditions or provisions of this Lease to be observed or performed by Tenant other than those referenced in subparagraphs (a) and (b), above, where such failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof from Landlord to Tenant; provided, however, that if the nature of Tenant's noncompliance is such that more than thirty (30) days are reasonably required for its cure, then Tenant shall not be deemed to be in default if Tenant commenced such cure within said thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently pursues such cure to completion. To the extent permitted by law, such thirty (30) day notice shall constitute the sole and exclusive notice required to be given to Tenant under applicable unlawful detainer statutes.

(d) (i) The making by Tenant or by any guarantor of Tenant's obligations under this Lease of any general arrangement or general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) Tenant or any guarantor of Tenant's obligations under this Lease becoming a "debtor" as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101 or any successor statute thereto (unless, in the case of a petition filed against Tenant, the same is dismissed within sixty (60) days; (iii) the appointment of a trustee or receiver to take possession of substantially all of Tenant's assets located at the Property or of Tenant's interest in this Lease, where possession is not restored to Tenant within thirty (30) days; or (iv) the attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of Tenant's assets located at the Property or of Tenant's interest in this Lease, where such seizure is not discharged within thirty (30) days. In the event that any provision of this Section 13.1(d) is contrary to any applicable law, such provision shall be of no force or effect, and this Section 13.1(d) shall be interpreted in such a way to give effect to the remaining provisions.

(e) Tenant shall do or permit to be done anything which creates a lien upon the Property or upon all or any part of the Building or the Property.

(f) The inclusion by Tenant or its successor in interest or by any guarantor of Tenant's obligation hereunder of false information in any financial statement provided hereunder.

**13.2 Remedies.** In the event of any material default or breach of this Lease by Tenant, but after the expiration of any applicable cure period, Landlord may at any time thereafter, with or without notice or demand and without limiting Landlord in the exercise of any right or remedy which Landlord may have by reason of such default:

(a) Terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Property by any lawful means, in which case this Lease shall terminate and Tenant shall immediately surrender possession of the Property to Landlord. In such event Landlord shall be entitled to recover from Tenant all damages incurred by Landlord by reason of Tenant's default including, but not limited to (i) the cost of recovering possession of the Property; (ii) expenses of reletting, including necessary renovation and alteration of the Property; (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees, and any real estate commission actually paid; (iv) the worth at the time of award of any unpaid Rent which had been earned at the time of such termination; (v) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent which would have been earned after termination until the time of award exceeds the amount of such rental loss for the same period that Tenant proves could reasonably be avoided; (vi) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent for the balance of the term after the time of such award exceeds the amount of such rental loss for the same period that Tenant proves could be reasonably avoided; (vii) that portion of the leasing commission paid by Landlord pursuant to Article 16 and (viii) that portion of the Tenant improvement allowance (if any) applicable to the unexpired Term of this Lease.

(b) Maintain Tenant's right to possession in which case this Lease shall continue in effect whether or not Tenant shall have vacated or abandoned the Property. In such event Landlord shall be entitled to enforce all of Landlord's rights and remedies under this Lease, including the right to recover the Rent as it becomes due hereunder. The foregoing remedies shall also be available to Landlord in the event Tenant has abandoned the Property. Landlord's election not to terminate this Lease pursuant to this Section 13.2(b) or pursuant to any other provision of this Lease, at law or in equity, shall not preclude Landlord from subsequently electing to terminate this Lease or pursuing any of its other remedies.

(c) Pursue any other remedy now or hereafter available to Landlord under the laws or judicial decisions of the State of Illinois. Unpaid installments of Rent and other unpaid monetary obligations of Tenant under the terms of this Lease shall bear interest from the date due at the maximum rate then allowable by law.

**13.3 Right to Perform.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Lease, all covenants and agreements of Tenant under this Lease shall be performed by Tenant at Tenant's sole cost and expense and without any abatement or offset of Rent. If Tenant shall fail to pay any sum of money (other than monthly Base Rent) or fail to perform any other act on its part to be paid or performed hereunder and such failure shall continue beyond any applicable cure period, Landlord may, without waiving or releasing Tenant from any of Tenant's obligations, make such payment or perform such other act on behalf of Tenant. All sums so paid by Landlord and all necessary incidental costs incurred by Landlord in performing such other acts shall be payable by Tenant to Landlord within five (5) days after demand therefor as Additional Rent.

**13.4 Default by Landlord.** Landlord shall not be in default unless Landlord fails to perform obligations required of Landlord within a reasonable time, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after written notice by Tenant to Landlord and to the holder of any first mortgage or deed of trust covering the Property whose name and address shall have theretofore been furnished to Tenant in writing, specifying the obligation that Landlord has failed to perform; provided, however, that if the nature of Landlord's obligation is such that more than thirty (30) days are required for performance then Landlord shall not be in default if Landlord commences performance within such 30-day period and thereafter diligently pursues the same to completion.

**13.5 Late Charges; Right to Change Terms.**

(a) Tenant acknowledges that late payment by Tenant to Landlord of Base Rent, or Additional Rent or other sums due hereunder will cause Landlord to incur costs not contemplated by this Lease, the exact amount of which will be extremely difficult to ascertain. Such costs include, but are not limited to, processing and accounting charges, and late charges which may be imposed on Landlord by the terms of any mortgage or trust deed covering the Property. Accordingly, if any installment of Base Rent, Additional Rent, or any other sum due from Tenant shall not be received by Landlord or Landlord's designee when due, then, without any requirement for notice to Tenant, Tenant shall pay to Landlord a late charge equal to ten percent (10%) of such overdue amount. The parties agree that such late charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs Landlord will incur by reason of late payment by Tenant. Acceptance of such late charge by Landlord shall in no event constitute a waiver of Tenant's default with respect to such overdue amount, nor prevent Landlord from exercising any of the other rights and remedies granted hereunder.

(b) Following a second late payment or Rent or Additional Rent hereunder within any twelve (12) month period Landlord may, at its sole option, upon not less than fifteen (15) days' prior notice to Tenant, require Tenant to promptly execute and deliver to Landlord any documents, instruments, authorizations, or certificates required by Landlord to give effect to an automated debiting system, whereby any or all payments of Rent, Additional Rent, and any other payments required by Tenant or contemplated by this Lease shall be debited monthly or from time to time, as determined by Landlord, from Tenant's account in a bank or financial institution designated by Tenant and credited to Landlord's bank account. Tenant shall pay all service fees and other charges connected therewith, including, without limitation, any charges resulting from insufficient funds in Tenant's bank account or any late charges imposed on the Landlord. Tenant's failure to properly designate a bank or financial institution or to promptly provide appropriate information in accordance with this section shall constitute a default of the Lease.

#### **ARTICLE 14 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

**14.1** As used herein, the term "**Hazardous Substances**" shall mean any chemical, substance, medical or other waste, living organism or combination thereof which is or may be hazardous to the environment or human or animal health or safety due to its radioactivity, ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, explosivity, toxicity, carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, phytotoxicity, infectiousness or other harmful or potentially harmful properties or effects. "Hazardous Substances" shall include, without limitation, petroleum hydrocarbons, including crude oil or any fraction thereof, asbestos, radon, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), methane and all substances which now or in the future may be defined as "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "extremely hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "toxic substances," "infectious wastes," "biohazardous wastes," "medical wastes," "radioactive wastes" or which are otherwise listed, defined or regulated in any manner pursuant to any Environmental Laws. As used herein, "**Environmental Laws**" means all present and future federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, standards, directives, interpretations and conditions of approval, all administrative or judicial orders or decrees and all guidelines, permits, licenses, approvals and other entitlements, and rules of common law, pertaining to Hazardous Substances, the protection of the environment or human or animal health or safety.

**14.2** Tenant shall not cause or permit any Hazardous Substance to be used, manufactured, stored, discharged, released or disposed of in, from, under or about the the Building, the Property or any other land or improvements in the vicinity thereof, excepting only, if applicable, such minor quantities of materials as are normally used in office buildings, and then only in strict accordance with all Applicable Laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Tenant, at its sole cost, shall comply with all Environmental Laws. If the presence of Hazardous Substances on the the Property caused or permitted by Tenant results in contamination of the Property or any portion thereof, or any soil or groundwater in, under or about the Property, Tenant, at its expense, shall promptly take all actions necessary to return the Property or portion thereof affected, to the condition existing prior to the appearance of such Hazardous Materials. The termination of

this Lease shall not terminate or reduce the liability or obligations of Tenant under this Article 14, or as may be required by law, to clean up, monitor or remove any Hazardous Substances.

**14.3** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless Landlord, the Property Manager, and their respective officers, directors, trustees, agents and employees from and against all losses, costs, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgments, suits, proceedings, or expenses of any kind or nature (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expert's fees) arising out of or in connection with any Hazardous Substances on, in, under or affecting the Premises, Building, Office Project, or any part thereof that are or were attributable to Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent, contractor, or permitted subtenant or anyone claiming under Tenant or other person or entity acting at the direction, knowledge or implied consent of Tenant, including, without limitation, any cost of monitoring or removal, any reduction in the fair market value or fair rental value of the the Building or the Property, and any loss, claim or demand by any third person or entity relating to bodily injury or damage to real or personal property and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

**14.4** Tenant shall surrender the Property to Landlord, upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, free of Hazardous Substances which are or were attributable to Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent or contractor of Tenant, or anyone claiming under Tenant. If Tenant fails to so surrender the Property, Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from all losses, costs, claims, damages and liabilities resulting from Tenant's failure to surrender the Property as required by this Section, including, without limitation, any claims or damages in connection with the condition of the Property including, without limitation, damages occasioned by the inability to relet the Property or a reduction in the fair market and/or rental value of the Property or any portion thereof, by reason of the existence of any Hazardous Substances, which are or were attributable to the activities of Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent or contractor of Tenant, or anyone claiming under Tenant.

**14.05** Potentially Infectious Medical Waste. Tenant shall be responsible, at Tenant's sole cost and expenses, for the proper handling, storage and removal of potentially infectious medical waste generated in the Property, and Tenant shall provide incineration or other proper disposal of same. This includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Cultures and Stocks - Cultures and stocks of agents infectious to humans, and associated biologicals. For example: cultures from medical laboratories; waste from the production of biologicals; discarded live and attenuated vaccines, and culture dishes and devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures.

(b) Pathological Wastes - Human pathological wastes. For example: tissue, organs and body parts, and body fluids that are removed during medical procedures and specimens of body fluids and their containers.

(c) Blood and Body Products - Discarded waste human blood and blood components (e.g. serum and plasma) and saturated material containing free flowing blood and blood components.

(d) Sharps - Discarded sharps used in human patient care, medical research or clinical or pharmaceutical laboratories. For example: hypodermic, I.V., and other medical needles; hypodermic and I.V. syringes; Pasteur pipettes; scalpel blades; blood vials; and broken or unbroken glassware in contact with infectious agents, including slides or cover slips.

(e) Unused Sharps - Discarded hypodermic, I.V. and other medical needles, hypodermic, I.V. syringes, and scalpel blades. Unused sharps should be considered part of infectious medical wastes as it is often difficult to determine if they have been used. Tenant's failure to properly dispose of such waste or failure to comply with environmental laws, regulations and ordinances shall be deemed a default hereunder. Tenant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Landlord from and against any claims, liabilities, damages and

suits arising in connection with potentially infectious medical waste used or generated in Tenant's medical practice. Tenant's obligations hereunder shall survive the termination or expiration of this Lease.

**ARTICLE 15**  
**EMINENT DOMAIN**

**15.1** If the Property or any portion thereof are taken as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or any transfer in lieu thereof, this Lease shall terminate as to the part so taken as of the date the condemning authority takes title or possession, whichever first occurs, and, in the case of a partial taking, either Landlord or Tenant shall have the right to terminate this Lease as to the balance of the Property by written notice to the other within thirty (30) days after such date; provided, however, that a condition to the exercise by Tenant of such right to terminate shall be that the portion of the Property taken shall be of such extent and nature as substantially to handicap, impede or impair Tenant's use of the balance of the Property. If any material part of the Building or Property shall be taken as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain, whether or not the Property are affected, Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease by written notice to Tenant within thirty (30) days of the date of the taking. If neither Landlord nor Tenant terminates this Lease in accordance with the foregoing, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect as to the portion of the Property remaining, except that the Rent and Additional Rent shall be reduced in the proportion that the floor area of the Property taken bears to the total floor area of the Property. Common Areas taken shall be excluded from the Common Areas usable by Tenant and no reduction of Rent shall occur with respect thereto or by reason thereof. In the event of any taking, Landlord shall be entitled to any and all compensation, damages, income, rent, awards, or any interest therein whatsoever which may be paid or made in connection therewith, and Tenant shall have no claim against Landlord for the value of any unexpired term of this Lease or otherwise; provided that Landlord shall have no claim to any portion of the award that is specifically allocable to Tenant's relocation expenses or the interruption of or damage to Tenant's business.

**15.2** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, if a taking occurs with respect to all or any portion of the Property for a limited period of time, this Lease shall remain unaffected thereby and Tenant shall continue to pay Base Rent and Additional Rent and to perform all of the terms, conditions and covenants of this Lease. In the event of any such temporary taking, Tenant shall be entitled to receive that portion of any award which represents compensation for the use or occupancy of the Property during the Term up to the total Base Rent and Additional Rent owing by Tenant for the period of the taking, and Landlord shall be entitled to receive the balance of any award.

**15.3** Tenant waives and releases any right, under any applicable law, statute or ordinance now or hereafter in effect, to terminate this Lease in whole or in part due to a taking of the Property as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

The brokers involved in this transaction are identified in Article 1. Each of Tenant and Landlord represents and warrants to the other that it has not had any dealings with any person, firm, broker or finder in connection with the negotiation of this Lease and/or the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby, and no other broker or other person, firm or entity is entitled to any commission or finder's fee in connection with said transaction and Tenant and Landlord do each hereby indemnify, defend and hold the other harmless from and against any costs, expenses, attorney's fees or liability for compensation or charges which may be claimed by any such unnamed broker, finder or other similar party by reason of any dealings or actions of the indemnifying party.

**ARTICLE 17**  
**ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE**

**17.1** Upon Landlord's written request, Tenant shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to Landlord a written statement certifying: (i) that none of the terms or provisions of this Lease have been changed (or if they have been changed, stating how they have been changed); (ii) that this Lease has not been canceled or terminated and is in full force and effect; (iii) the amount of the current Base Rent; (iv) the last date of payment of the Base Rent and other charges and the time period covered by such payment; (v) the amount of any Security Deposit paid and the validity of any charges made thereto by Landlord (or, if Tenant contests the validity of any such changes, stating why); (vi) that the Lease has not been subleased or assigned, or if it has been so subleased or assigned, the identity of the subtenant or assignee; and (vii) that Landlord is not in default under this lease (or, if Landlord is claimed to be in default, stating why). Tenant shall deliver such statement to Landlord within ten (10) days after Landlord's request. Any such statement by Tenant may be given by Landlord to any prospective purchaser or encumbrancer of the Property. Such purchaser or encumbrancer may rely conclusively upon such statement as true and correct.

**17.2** At Landlord's option, the failure to deliver such statement within ten (10) days of such request shall be a material default of this Lease by the responding party, without any further notice to Tenant, or it shall be conclusive upon Tenant that (i) this Lease is in full force and effect, without modification except as may be represented by the requesting party, (ii) there are no uncured defaults in the requesting party's performance, and (iii) if Landlord is the requesting party, not more than one month's Base Rent has been paid in advance.

**17.3** Tenant shall, when requested by Landlord from time to time but not more frequently than once each year, furnish a true and accurate audited statement of its financial condition for the last three (3) years; provided, however, that if Tenant is a publicly traded company Tenant may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by providing Landlord with a copy of its Form 10-K.

**ARTICLE 18**  
**SALE OR ASSIGNMENT BY LANDLORD**

**18.1** It is agreed that Landlord may at any time sell, assign or transfer by lease or otherwise its interest as Landlord in and to this Lease, or any part thereof, and may at any time sell, assign or transfer its interest in and to the whole or any portion of the Property. In the event of any transfer of Landlord's interest in the Property, the transferor shall be automatically relieved of any and all of Landlord's obligations and liabilities accruing from and after the date of such transfer provided that the transferee assumes all of Landlord's obligations under this Lease.

**18.2** Tenant hereby agrees to attorn to Landlord's assignee, transferee, or purchaser from and after the date of notice to Tenant of such assignment, transfer or sale, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as though this Lease were made in the first instance by and between Tenant and such assignee, transferee or purchaser. In the event of the exercise of the power of sale under, or the foreclosure of, any deed of trust, mortgage or other encumbrances placed by Landlord against all or any portion of the Property, Tenant shall, upon demand, attorn to the purchaser upon the effective date of any such sale or foreclosure of any such deed of trust, mortgage or other encumbrance, and shall recognize the purchaser or judgment creditor as the Landlord under the Lease.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Upon execution of this Lease, Tenant shall deposit with Landlord, as security for the performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, the security deposit set forth in Article 1 above (the "Security Deposit").

Upon the occurrence of a Default, and upon written notice to Tenant Landlord may use all or any part of the Security Deposit for the payment of any Rent or for the payment of any amount which Landlord may pay or become obligated to pay by reason of such Default, or to compensate Landlord for any loss or damage which Landlord may suffer by reason of such Default. If any portion of the Security Deposit is used, Tenant, within five (5) days after written demand therefor, shall deposit cash with Landlord in an amount sufficient to restore the Security Deposit to its original amount. Landlord shall not be required to keep the Security Deposit separate from its general funds, and Tenant shall not be entitled to interest on the Security Deposit. In no event shall the Security Deposit be considered an advanced payment of Rent, and in no event shall Tenant be entitled to use the Security Deposit for the payment of Rent. If no Default by Tenant exists hereunder, the Security Deposit or any balance thereof shall be returned to Tenant within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the Term and vacation of the Property by Tenant. Landlord shall, subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease, transfer the Security Deposit to any *bona fide* purchaser of the Building. Upon such transfer, Tenant shall look solely to such purchaser for return of the Security Deposit; and Landlord shall be relieved of any liability with respect to the Security Deposit.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**20.1 Severability.** If any provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease, or the application of such provision to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the full extent permitted by law.

**20.2 Interest on Past-Due Obligations.** Except as expressly herein provided, any amount due to Landlord not paid when due shall bear interest at a rate equal to the Prime Rate plus 5%. For purposes hereof, the "Prime Rate" shall be the per annum interest rate as published in the Wall Street Journal as of the date of the payment in question (reflected as the "Latest Prime Rate" at [http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2\\_3020-moneyrate.html](http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2_3020-moneyrate.html)). Payment of such interest shall not excuse or cure any default by Tenant under this Lease.

**20.3 Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to the obligations to be performed under this Lease.

**20.4 Entire Agreement; Amendments.** This instrument, including the exhibits hereto, which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Lease, contains the entire agreement between the parties and all prior negotiations and agreements are merged herein. Tenant hereby acknowledges that neither Landlord nor Landlord's agents have made any representations or warranties with respect to the Building, the Property, or this Lease except as expressly set forth herein, and no rights, easements or licenses are or shall be acquired by Tenant by implication or otherwise unless expressly set forth herein. This Lease may be amended or modified only by a written agreement signed by Landlord and Tenant.

**20.5 Notices.** Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by certified or registered mail, and shall be deemed sufficiently given if delivered or addressed to Tenant or to Landlord at the address set forth in the Article 1. Mailed notices shall be deemed given upon actual receipt at the address required, or forty-eight hours following deposit in the mail, postage prepaid, whichever first occurs. Either party may by notice to the other specify a different address for notice purposes except that upon Tenant's taking possession of the Property, the Property shall constitute Tenant's address for notice purposes. A copy of all notices required or permitted to be given to Landlord hereunder shall be concurrently transmitted to such party or parties at such addresses as Landlord may from time to time hereafter designate by notice to Tenant.

## **20.6 Waivers; Modifications.**

(a) No failure by Landlord to insist upon the strict performance of any obligation of Tenant under this Lease or to exercise any right, power or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, no acceptance of full or partial Rent or Additional Rent during the continuance of any such breach, and no acceptance of the keys to or possession of the Property prior to the expiration of the Term by any employee or agent of Landlord shall constitute a waiver of any such breach or of such term, covenant or condition or operate as a surrender of this Lease.

(b) Neither this Lease nor any term or provisions hereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, and no breach thereof shall be waived, altered or modified, except by a written instrument signed by the party against which the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought. No waiver of any breach shall affect or alter this Lease, but each and every term, covenant and condition of this Lease shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then-existing or subsequent breach thereof. The consent of Landlord given in any instance under the terms of this Lease shall not relieve Tenant of any obligation to secure the consent of Landlord in any other or future instance under the terms of this Lease.

**20.7 Recording.** This Lease shall not be recorded without Landlord's consent. However, either Landlord or Tenant may, upon request of the other execute, acknowledge and deliver to the requesting party a "short form" memorandum of this Lease for recording purposes if the non-requesting party consents to the recording of such memorandum.

**20.8 Holding Over.** Tenant shall vacate the Property upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for and indemnify, defend and hold Landlord harmless against all damages, liabilities and costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, incurred by Landlord from any delay by Tenant in vacating the Property. If Tenant, with Landlord's consent, remains in possession of the Property or any part thereof after the expiration of the Term, such occupancy shall be a tenancy from month to month upon all the provisions of this Lease pertaining to the obligations of Tenant, except that the Rent payable shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the Rent payable immediately preceding the Termination Date of this Lease. Any holding over without Landlord's consent shall constitute a default by Tenant and entitle Landlord to exercise any or all of its remedies provided hereunder, notwithstanding that Landlord may elect to accept one or more payments of Rent from Tenant.

**20.9 Cumulative Remedies.** No remedy or election hereunder shall be deemed exclusive but shall, wherever possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.

**20.10 Covenants and Conditions.** Each provision of this Lease performable by Tenant shall be deemed both a covenant and a condition.

**20.11 Binding Effect; Choice of Law.** Subject to any provisions hereof restricting assignment or subletting by Tenant, this Lease shall bind the parties, their personal representatives, successors and assigns. This Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State where the Property is located and any litigation concerning this Lease between the parties hereto shall be initiated in county in which the Property is located.

## **20.12 Subordination.**

(a) This Lease, and any Option or right of first refusal granted hereby, at Landlord's option, shall be subordinate to any ground lease, mortgage, deed of trust, or any other hypothecation or security now or hereafter placed upon the Property and to any and all advances made on the security thereof and to all renewals, modifications, consolidations, replacements and extensions thereof. Notwithstanding such subordination, Tenant's right to quiet possession of the Property shall not be disturbed if Tenant is not in default and so long as Tenant shall pay the Rent and observe and perform all of the provisions of this Lease, unless this Lease is

otherwise terminated pursuant to its terms. If any mortgagee, trustee or ground Landlord shall elect to have this Lease and any Options granted hereby prior to the lien of its mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, and shall give written notice thereof to Tenant, this Lease and such Options shall be deemed prior to such mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, whether this Lease or such Options are dated prior or subsequent to the date of said mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease or the date of recording thereof.

(b) Tenant agrees to execute any documents required to effectuate an attornment, a subordination, or to make this Lease or any Option granted herein prior to the lien of any mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, as the case may be. Tenant's failure to execute such documents within ten (10) days after written demand shall constitute a material default by Tenant hereunder without further notice to Tenant or, at Landlord's option, Landlord shall execute such documents on behalf of Tenant as Tenant's attorney-in-fact. Tenant does make, constitute and irrevocably appoint Landlord as Tenant's attorney-in-fact and in Tenant's name, place and stead, to execute such documents in accordance with this Section 19.12.

**20.13 Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either Landlord or Tenant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Lease or in the event a dispute arises concerning the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Lease, the defaulting party or the party not prevailing in such dispute, as the case may be, shall pay any and all costs and expenses incurred by the other party in enforcing or establishing its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

**20.14 Waiver of Jury Trial.** LANDLORD AND TENANT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO HAVE A JURY PARTICIPATE IN RESOLVING ANY DISPUTE (WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) THEM ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS LEASE. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO LANDLORD TO ENTER INTO THIS LEASE. TENANT REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS TO LANDLORD THAT IT HAS CONSULTED WITH AND BEEN COUNSELED BY COMPETENT COUNSEL CONCERNING THE WAIVER SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND HAS KNOWINGLY MADE SUCH WAIVER.

**20.15 Landlord's Access.**

(a) Landlord reserves (for itself, its Property Manager, and any other designated agent, representative, employee or contractor) the right to enter the Property at all reasonable times and, except in cases of emergency, after giving Tenant reasonable notice, to inspect the Property, to supply any service to be provided by Landlord hereunder, to show the Property to prospective purchasers, mortgagees or, during the last year of the Term of this Lease, Tenants, to post notices of nonresponsibility, and to alter, improve or repair the Property and any portion thereof, without abatement of Rent or Additional Rent, and may for that purpose erect, use and maintain necessary structures in and through the Property, where reasonably required by the character of the work to be performed, provided that the entrance to the Property shall not be blocked thereby, and further provided that the business of Tenant shall not be interfered with unreasonably. Tenant waives any claim for damages for any injury or inconvenience to or interference with Tenant's business, any loss of occupancy or quiet enjoyment of the Property or any other loss occasioned thereby. All locks for all of the doors in, upon and about the Property, excluding Tenant's vaults and safes or special security areas (designated in advance in writing by Tenant) shall at all times be keyed to the Building master system and Landlord shall at all times have and retain a key with which to unlock all of said doors. Landlord shall have the right to use any and all means that Landlord may deem necessary or proper to open said doors in an emergency in order to obtain entry to any portion of the Property, and any entry to the Property or portions thereof obtained by Landlord by any of said means, or otherwise, shall not under any circumstances be construed or deemed to be a forcible or unlawful entry into, or a detainer of, the Property, or an eviction, actual or constructive, of Tenant from the Property or any portion thereof.

(b) Without limitation of the provisions of Section 19.15(a) above, Landlord and its authorized agents and representative shall be entitled to enter the Property at all reasonable times during business hours for the purpose of exhibiting the same to prospective purchasers and, during the final ninety (90) days of the Term, Landlord shall be entitled to exhibit the Property for hire or for rent and to display thereon in such manner as will not unreasonably interfere with Tenant's business the usual "For Rent" or "For Lease" signs, and such signs shall remain unmolested on the Property.

**20.16 Signs.** Subject to Landlord's prior right to approve same which will not be unreasonably withheld, and subject to all applicable laws and ordinances governing same, Tenant shall have the right at its sole cost to install an identification sign on the exterior of the Property. If Landlord installs any outside monument or other signage, Tenant shall have the right to include its name and identification on such sign at its sole cost and expense and be given largest area for signage provided Tenant is the largest occupant in the Building. Tenant shall also be allowed to erect signage on the Building facing Western Avenue at its cost, with size and design to be approved prior by Landlord, which will not be unreasonably withheld, and subject to all applicable laws and ordinances governing same. Tenant shall not place any additional signage upon the Property without Landlord's prior written consent.

**20.17 Merger.** The voluntary or other surrender of this Lease by Tenant, or a mutual cancellation thereof, or a termination by Landlord, shall not work a merger, and shall, at the option of Landlord, terminate all or any existing subtenancies or may, at the option of Landlord, operate as an assignment to Landlord of any or all of such subtenancies.

**20.18 Quiet Possession.** Tenant, upon paying the Rent due hereunder and performing all of its obligations under this Lease, shall have quiet possession and peaceful enjoyment of the Property for the entire Term subject to all of the provisions of this Lease.

**20.19 Authority.** If Tenant is a corporation or a limited liability company, Tenant and each of the persons executing this Lease on behalf of Tenant does hereby represent and warrant as follows: Tenant is an entity duly formed and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of organization and qualified to do business in the State of Illinois. Tenant has the power, legal capacity and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Lease and no approval or consent of any person is required in connection with the execution and performance hereof. The execution and performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease will not result in or constitute any default or event that would be, or with notice or the lapse of time would be, a default, breach or violation of the organizational instruments governing Tenant or any agreement or any order or decree of any court or other governmental authority to which Tenant is a party or to which it is subject. Tenant has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Lease and this Lease constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Tenant. Upon Landlord's request, Tenant shall provide Landlord with evidence reasonably satisfactory to Landlord confirming the foregoing representations and warranties.

**20.20 Security Measures.** Tenant acknowledges that Landlord shall have no obligation whatsoever to provide guard service or other security measures for the benefit of the Property. Tenant assumes all responsibility for the protection of Tenant, its agents, and invitees and the property of Tenant and of Tenant's agents and invitees from acts of third parties. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Landlord, at Landlord's sole option, from providing security protection for the Property or any part thereof, in which event the cost thereof shall be included within the definition of Operating Expenses.

**20.21 Lender Modification.** Tenant agrees to make such reasonable modifications to this Lease as may be reasonably required by an institutional lender in connection with the obtaining of normal financing or refinancing of the Property.

**20.22 Work Letter.** This Lease is supplemented by the Work Letter attached hereto as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein by this reference.

**20.23 Accord and Satisfaction.** No endorsement or statement on any check or letter of Tenant shall be deemed an accord and satisfaction or otherwise recognized for any purpose whatsoever. The acceptance of any such check or payment shall be without prejudice to Landlord's right to recover any and all amounts owed by Tenant hereunder and Landlord's right to pursue any other available remedy. Landlord is entitled to accept, receive and cash or deposit any payment made by Tenant for any reason or purpose or in any amount whatsoever, and apply the same at Landlord's option to any obligation of Tenant and the same shall not constitute payment of any amount owed except that to which Landlord has applied the same.

**20.24 Guaranty.** As additional security for the prompt, full and faithful performance of each and every obligation of Tenant hereunder, said obligations have been guaranteed by the "Guarantor" described in Article 1 above pursuant to the Guaranty of Lease attached hereto as Exhibit D.

**20.25 Electronic Delivery; Counterparts.** This Agreement and any signed agreement or instrument entered into in connection with this Agreement, and any amendments hereto or thereto, may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any such counterpart, to the extent delivered by means of a facsimile machine or by .pdf, .tif, .gif, .peg or similar attachment to electronic mail (any such delivery, an "Electronic Delivery") shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original executed counterpart and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto, each other party hereto or thereto shall re-execute the original form of this Agreement and deliver such form to all other parties. No party hereto shall raise the use of Electronic Delivery to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of Electronic Delivery as a defense to the formation of a contract and each such party forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

**20.26 Confidentiality.** Landlord, Tenant, and their respective representatives shall hold in strictest confidence all data and information obtained with respect to the Lease, whether obtained before or after the execution and delivery of this Lease, and shall not disclose the same to others; provided, however, that it is understood and agreed that the Parties may disclose such data and information to their employees, consultants, lenders, accountants as necessary to perform their respective obligations hereunder. In the event this Lease is terminated by either Party, all statements, documents, schedules, exhibits or other written information obtained in connection with this Lease shall be returned to the respective Party. The terms of this paragraph shall not apply to information that is otherwise available to the public.

**20.27 Attachments.** Attached hereto are the following documents which constitute a part of this Lease:

Exhibit A	Rules and Regulations for Office Lease
Exhibit B	Commencement Date Agreement
Exhibit C	Work Letter Agreement
Exhibit D	Guaranty of Lease

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

**Signature Page**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this Office Lease as of the dates following the parties' signatures below (the last of which dates shall be the Commencement Date of this Lease).

**LANDLORD:**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**TENANT:**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**,  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OFFICE LEASE**

Tenant shall faithfully observe and comply with the following Rules and Regulations.

1. Tenant shall not alter any locks or install any new or additional locks or bolts on any doors or windows of the Property without obtaining Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant shall bear the cost of any lock changes or repairs required by Tenant, and Tenant shall at all times make sure that landlord has keys to the Property.

2. Tenant, its employees and agents must be sure that the doors to the Property are securely closed and locked when leaving the Property if it is after the normal hours of business of the Property. In case of invasion, mob, riot, public excitement, or other commotion, Landlord reserves the right to prevent access to the Property during the continuance thereof by any means it deems appropriate for the safety and protection of life and property.

3. No furniture, freight or equipment of any kind shall be brought into the Property without Landlord's prior authorization, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. All moving activity into or out of the Property shall be scheduled with Landlord and done only at such time and in such manner as Landlord reasonably designates. Landlord shall have the right to reasonably prescribe the weight, size and position of all safes and other heavy property brought into the Property and also the times and manner of moving the same in and out of the Property. Safes and other heavy objects shall, if considered reasonably necessary by Landlord, stand on supports of such thickness as is necessary to properly distribute the weight, and Tenant shall be solely responsible for the cost of installing all supports. Landlord will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any such safe or property in any case. Any damage to any part of the Property, its contents, occupants or visitors by moving or maintaining any such safe or other property shall be the sole responsibility and expense of Tenant.

4. The requirements of Tenant will be attended to only upon application at the office designated by Landlord. Tenant shall not ask employees of Landlord to do anything outside their regular duties without special authorization from Landlord.

5. Tenant, its employees and agents shall not loiter in or on the entrances, corridors, sidewalks, lobbies, halls, stairways, elevators or any landscaped areas for the purpose of smoking tobacco products or for any other purpose, nor in any way obstruct such areas, and shall use them only as a means of ingress and egress for the Property. Smoking shall not be permitted in or on the Property.

6. The toilet rooms, urinals and wash bowls shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which they were constructed, and no foreign substance of any kind whatsoever shall be thrown therein.

9. Tenant shall not use or keep in or on the Property any kerosene, gasoline or other inflammable or combustible fluid or material.

10. Tenant shall not use, keep or permit to be used or kept, any foul or noxious gas or substance in or on the Property, or permit or allow the Property to be occupied or used in a manner offensive or objectionable to Landlord or other occupants of the Property by reason of noise, odors, or vibrations, or to otherwise interfere in any way with the use of the Property.

11. No cooking shall be done or permitted on the Property, nor shall the Property be used for the storage of merchandise, for loading or for any improper, objectionable or immoral purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Underwriters' Laboratory approved equipment and microwave ovens may

be used in the Property for heating food and brewing coffee, tea, hot chocolate and similar beverages for employees and visitors of Tenant, provided that such use is in accordance with all applicable federal, state and city laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations; and provided further that such cooking does not result in odors escaping from the Property.

12. Landlord shall have the right to approve where and how telephone wires are to be introduced to the Property. No boring or cutting for wires shall be allowed without the consent of Landlord, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The location of telephone call boxes and other office equipment affixed to the Property shall be subject to the approval of Landlord. Except for the hanging of art work, bulletin boards and the like, Tenant shall not mark, drive nails or screws, or drill into the partitions, woodwork or plaster contained in the Property or in any way deface the Property or any part thereof without Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant shall not install any radio or television antenna, satellite dish, loudspeaker or other device on the roof or exterior walls of the Property. Tenant shall not interfere with broadcasting or reception from or in the Property or elsewhere.

14. Tenant shall comply with all safety, fire protection and evacuation procedures and regulations established by Landlord or any governmental agency.

15. No awnings or other projection shall be attached to the outside walls or windows of the Project by Tenant. No curtains, blinds, shades or screens shall be attached to or hung in any window or door of the Property without the prior written consent of Landlord. All electrical ceiling fixtures hung in the Property must be fluorescent and/or of a quality, type, design and bulb color approved by Landlord. Tenant shall abide by Landlord's regulations concerning the opening and closing of window coverings which are attached to the windows in the Property. The skylights, windows, and doors that reflect or admit light and air into the halls, passageways or other public places in the Property shall not be covered or obstructed by Tenant, nor shall any bottles, parcels or other articles be placed on the windowsills.

### **PARKING RULES**

1. Parking areas shall be used only for parking by vehicles no longer than full size, passenger automobiles herein called "Permitted Size Vehicles."

2. Tenant shall not permit or allow any vehicles that belong to or are controlled by Tenant or Tenant's employees, suppliers, shippers, customers, or invitees to be loaded, unloaded, or parked in areas other than those designated by Landlord for such activities. Users of the parking area will obey all posted signs and park only in the areas designated for vehicle parking.

3. Parking stickers or identification devices, if any, shall be the property of Landlord and shall be returned to Landlord by the holder thereof upon termination of the holder's parking privileges. Tenant will pay such replacement charges as is reasonably established by Landlord for the loss of such devices. Loss or theft of parking identification stickers or devices from automobiles must be reported to the parking operator immediately. Any parking identification stickers or devices reported lost or stolen found on any unauthorized car will be confiscated and the illegal holder will be subject to prosecution.

4. Unless otherwise instructed, every person using the parking area is required to park and lock his own vehicle. Landlord will not be responsible for any damage to vehicles, injury to persons or loss of property, all of which risks are assumed by the party using the parking area.

5. Validation of visitor parking, if established, will be permissible only by such method or methods as Landlord may establish at rates determined by Landlord, in Landlord's sole discretion.

7. The maintenance, washing, waxing or cleaning of vehicles in the parking structure is prohibited.

8. No vehicles shall be parked in the parking lot overnight. The parking lot shall only be used for daily parking and no vehicle or other property shall be stored in a parking space.

Landlord reserves the right at any time to change or rescind any one or more of these Rules and Regulations, or to make such other and further reasonable Rules and Regulation as in Landlord's commercially reasonable judgment may from time to time be necessary for the management, safety, care and cleanliness of the Property, and for the preservation of good order therein, as well as for the convenience of other occupants and tenants therein. Landlord may waive any one or more of these Rules and Regulations for the benefit of any particular tenant, but no such waiver by Landlord shall be construed as a waiver of such Rules and Regulations in favor of any other tenant, nor prevent Landlord from thereafter enforcing any such Rules or Regulations.

**EXHIBIT B**

**COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT**

THIS COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, between **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (as "**Landlord**") and **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (as "**Tenant**").

**BACKGROUND:**

A. Landlord and Tenant entered into a certain Office Lease dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 (the "Lease") for the property at 222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL.

B. Landlord has performed certain construction activities for the benefit of Tenant pursuant to the terms of the Lease.

C. Landlord and Tenant desire to memorialize the Commencement Date and certain other terms of the Lease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning as set forth in the Lease.
2. Notwithstanding any provision of the Lease to the contrary:
  - (a) The Commencement Date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (b) The Possession Date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (c) The Rent Commencement Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (d) The Expiration Date shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT as of the dates following the parties' signatures below.

**LANDLORD:**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**TENANT:**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**,  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

## EXHIBIT D

### GUARANTY OF LEASE

WHEREAS, DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company ("Lessee") is party to a Office Lease dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, in which **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company is the lessor ("Lessor"); and

WHEREAS, DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company (the "Guarantor") is affiliated with the Lessee, and desires that Lessor enter into the Lease described below, which lease transaction will benefit Guarantor;

NOW THEREFORE, for value received and other financial and accommodations from time to time afforded to the Lessee by Lessor, the undersigned Guarantor unconditionally guaranties the full and prompt payment and performance to Lessor of any and all obligations and liabilities of every kind and nature of Lessee to the Lessor, however created, arising or evidenced, whether now existing or hereafter created or arising, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or joint or several, due or to become due and howsoever owned, held or acquired, including, but not limited to, the full and prompt payment and performance of the terms and conditions of that certain Office Lease dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 related to the premises at 222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL 60805 (the "Lease") and all of the rent, taxes, assessments and utilities, and other liabilities of Lessee under the Lease. Guarantor further agrees to pay all costs and expenses, legal or otherwise (including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney's fees), paid or incurred by Lessor in endeavoring to collect such indebtedness, obligations and liabilities, or any part thereof, and in enforcing this Guaranty (including, but not limited to, any attorneys' fees and costs in connection with any bankruptcy proceeding of Lessee or of the Guarantor).

This Guaranty shall be a continuing, absolute and unconditional guaranty, and shall remain in full force and effect until all rent, taxes, assessments and utilities and other liabilities under the Lease shall be fully paid and satisfied. In case of any Event of Default (as defined in the Lease), death, incompetency, dissolution, liquidation or insolvency (however evidenced) of, or the institution of any receivership proceeding or proceeding under the bankruptcy laws by either the Lessee or Guarantor, or the institution of any involuntary bankruptcy petition against Lessee or the Guarantor which shall not have been dismissed or withdrawn within 60 days after filing, any or all of the indebtedness hereby guaranteed then existing shall, at the option of Lessor, immediately become due and payable from Guarantor. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event, this Guaranty shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

The rent, taxes assessments and utilities guaranteed hereunder shall in no event be affected or impaired by any of the following (any of which may be done or omitted by Lessor from time to time, without notice to Guarantor): (a) any sale, pledge, surrender, compromise, settlement, release extension, indulgence, alteration, substitution, change in, modification or other disposition of any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities, or other liabilities, whether express or implied, or of any contract or contracts evidencing any thereof, or of any security or collateral therefor; (b) any acceptance by Lessor of any security for, or other guarantors upon any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities; (c) any failure, neglect or omission on the part of Lessor to realize upon or protect any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, or any collateral or security therefor, or to exercise any lien upon or right of appropriation of any moneys, credits or property of Lessee possessed by Lessor, toward the liquidation of said indebtedness, obligations or liabilities; (d) any application of payments or credits by Lessor; (e) any release or discharge in whole or in part of any other guarantor of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities; or (f) any act of commission or omission of any kind or at any time upon the part of Lessor with respect to any

matter whatsoever. Lessor shall have the sole and exclusive right to determine how, when and to what extent application of payments and credits, if any, shall be made on said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, or any part of them. In order to hold Guarantor liable hereunder, there shall be no obligation on the part of Lessor at any time to resort for payment to Lessee or other persons or corporations, their properties or estates, or resort to any collateral, security, property, liens or other rights or remedies whatsoever.

Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that its liability pursuant to this Guaranty shall be and is joint and several with any other guaranty of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities by any other person or entity, whether any such other guaranty now exists or hereinafter arises. Guarantor expressly waives presentment, protest, demand, notice of dishonor or default, and notice of acceptance of this Guaranty. Guarantor waives any claim to indemnification, reimbursement, contribution or subrogation from Lessee of any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities for any amount paid by the Guarantor pursuant to this or any other guaranty.

Lessor may without notice to the Guarantor, sell, assign or transfer all of its rights in and to the payments set forth in the Lease for rent, taxes, assessments and utilities and other liabilities, or any part thereof, and in that event, each and every immediate and successive assignee, transferee or holder of all or any part of said right to rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, shall have the right to enforce this Guaranty, by suit or otherwise, for the benefit of such assignee, transferee or holder, as fully as if such assignee, transferee or holder were herein by name specifically given such rights, powers and benefits.

No delay on the part of Lessor in the exercise of any right or remedy under any agreement (including but not limited to the Lease or this Guaranty) shall operate as a waiver thereof, including, but not limited to, any delay in the enforcement of any security interest, and no single or partial exercise by Lessor of any right or remedy shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

This Guaranty shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts wholly executed and performed within the boundaries of that state. Wherever possible each provision of this Guaranty shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Guaranty shall be prohibited by or invalid under such law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Guaranty. The recitals set out above are incorporated herein as an integral part of this Guaranty. This Guaranty shall be binding upon the Guarantor and its successors and assigns.

Guarantor represents and warrants to Lessor that: (a) the execution and delivery of this Guaranty, does not and will not contravene or conflict with any provisions of (i) law, rule, regulation or ordinance or (ii) any agreement binding upon the Guarantor or its properties, as the case may be; and (b) this Guaranty is the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Guarantor, enforceable against Guarantor in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and except as the availability of equitable remedies is subject to judicial discretion; and (c) the financial statements and other information submitted by the Guarantor to the Lessor accurately present the financial condition of Guarantor as of the date stated therein and there have been no material adverse changes in such financial conditions since those dates.

All notices and other communications required or permitted to be given to Guarantor or to Lessor shall be done in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Lease and in the case of Guarantor to the address set forth below the signature line of this Guaranty. Guarantor acknowledges, agrees and consents to the terms and conditions of the Lease, copies of which have been received by it. Guarantor acknowledges that it has reviewed the Lease, and that Lessor has recommended to Guarantor that it be advised by counsel in connection with the terms, execution and delivery of this Guaranty.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

THIS GUARANTY OF LEASE HAS BEEN SIGNED AND DELIVERED ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC,**  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

*Address For Notice Purposes:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned, being a Notary Public in and for said State and County, certify that  
\_\_\_\_\_ did appear before me this day in person and subscribed his/her name to  
this GUARANTY OF LEASE as the Manager/Member of **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS,  
LLC**, as his/her free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of said company for the uses and  
purposes herein set forth. Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Notary Public]

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**

**Operating Entity/Licensee**

**Operating Identity/Licensee**

[Provide this information for each applicable facility, and insert after this page.]

Exact Legal Name: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC	
Address: 15801 S. Bell Rd, Homer Glen, IL 60491	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Governmental
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Corporations and limited liability companies must provide an Illinois Certificate of Good Standing.</li><li>o Partnerships must provide the name of the state in which organized and the name and address of each partner specifying whether each is a general or limited partner.</li><li>o <b>Persons with 5 percent or greater interest in the licensee must be identified with the % of ownership.</b></li></ul>	

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC ("Operator") will operate the proposed facility. A copy of Certificate of Good Standing is attached on the following page.

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification  
Operating Entity/Licensee**

*File Number*

0765994-6



***To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:***

***I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that***

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS LLC, HAVING ORGANIZED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ON MARCH 13, 2019, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.**



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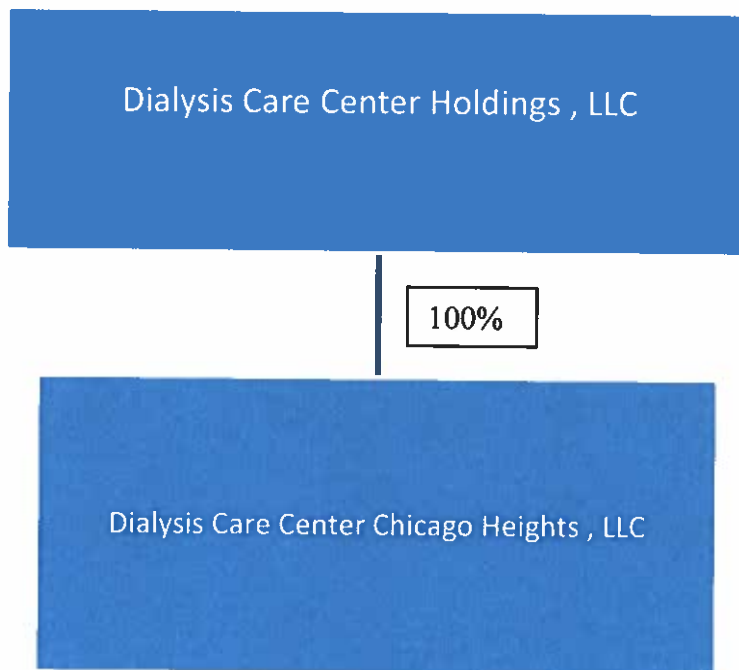
***In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 14TH day of MARCH A.D. 2019 .***

*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**  
**Organizational Relationships**

The following organizational chart shows the organization of Applicant, Co-Applicants, and their related parties. Attachment 4:



**Attachment 4**

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification  
Flood Plain requirements**

The proposed location for the establishment of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights complies with the requirements of the Illinois Executive Order #2005-5. The site, 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664, is not located in a flood plain, as can be seen on the FEMA flood plain map on the following page.

**Attestation**

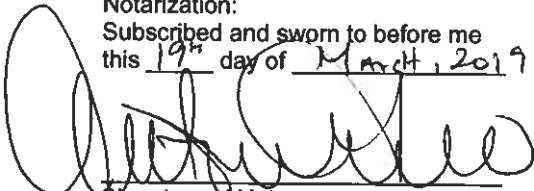
To the best of my knowledge, I attest that the proposed project is not in a flood plain area.



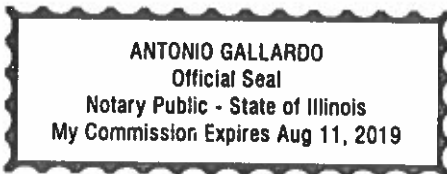
Asim M. Shazzad, Administrator

**Notarization:**

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019

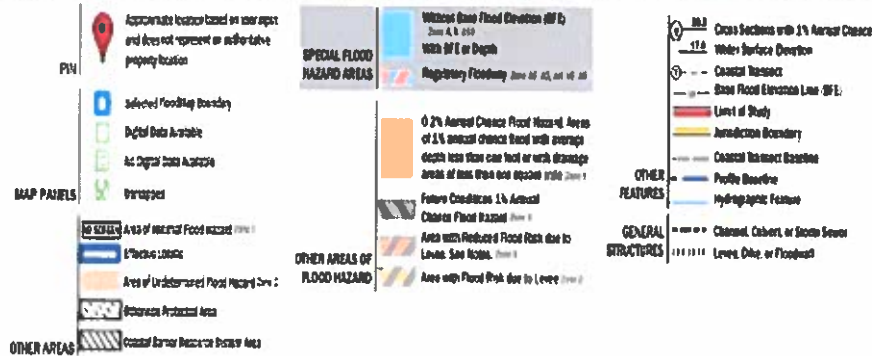
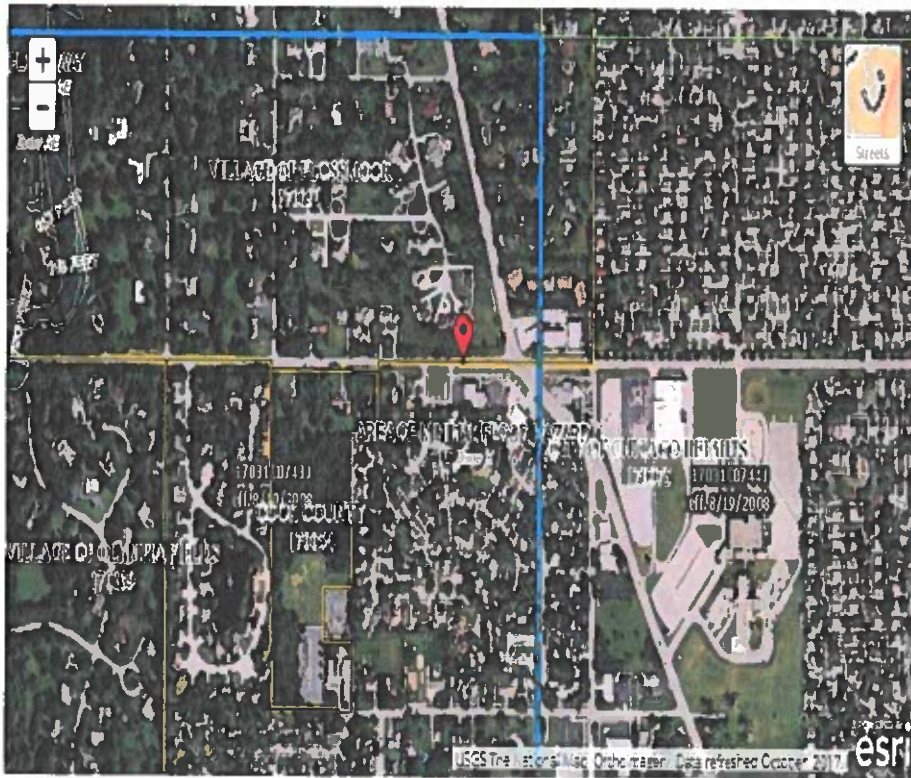


Signature of Notary



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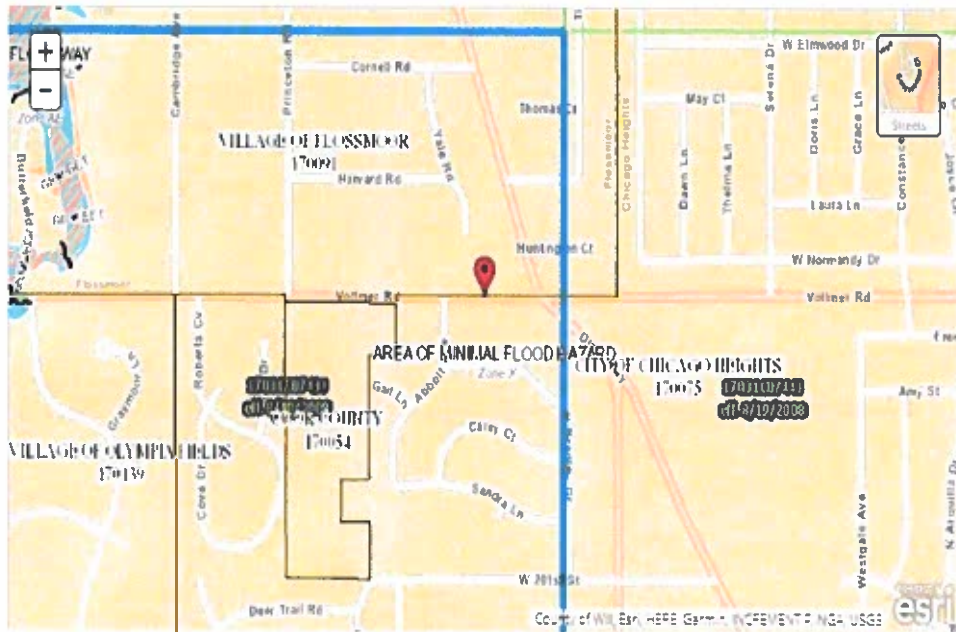


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<p><b>MAP PAIRLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Approximate location based on user input and does not represent an authoritative property location</li> <li> Selected floodmap boundary</li> <li> Digital Data Available</li> <li> No Digital Data Available</li> <li> Unimproved</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER AREAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X</li> <li> Effective Levees</li> <li> Area of Undeveloped Flood Hazard Zone C</li> <li> Unimproved Protected Area</li> <li> Coastal Barrier Reserve Area</li> </ul>	<p><b>SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A or Zone B</li> <li> Regulatory Floodway Zone A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H</li> <li> 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone 1</li> <li> Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone 2</li> <li> Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levees See Notes Zone 3</li> <li> Area with Flood Risk due to Levees Zone 4</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<p><b>OTHER FEATURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation</li> <li> Coastal Tapered</li> <li> Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)</li> <li> Limit of Study</li> <li> Jurisdiction Boundary</li> <li> Coastal Tapered Boundary</li> <li> Profile Boundary</li> <li> Hydrographic Feature</li> </ul> <p><b>GENERAL STRUCTURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer</li> <li> Levee, Dam, or Floodwall</li> </ul>
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**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification  
Historic Resources Preservation Act Requirements**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights has submitted a request for determination that the proposed location is compliant with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act. Please find attached a copy of a letter that was sent on February 11, 2019 to Illinois Department of Natural Resources, on the following page. Attachment 6:

The response to this letter will be submitted to the State Board when it is received.

Attachment 6



DIALYSIS CARE CENTER  
15801 S. BELL ROAD  
HOMER GLEN, IL 60491

February 11, 2019

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Land Management  
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office  
Attn: Review and Compliance  
1 Natural Resources Way  
Springfield, IL 62702

**Re: CON – Lease to Establish an ESRD Facility**

**Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights  
222 Vollmer Road  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411**

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we are requesting a letter that indicates that no historic, architectural, or archeological site exist within the project facility located at 222 Vollmer Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. This location is in a two-story, free-standing building consisting of 23,343 sq. ft. The space we will occupy is approximately 7,300 sq. ft. This space will be under interior renovation. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will not be conducting any construction apart from the interior. I am attaching the following:

- Office space information
- Two (2) maps clearly indicating project location, based off Google Maps

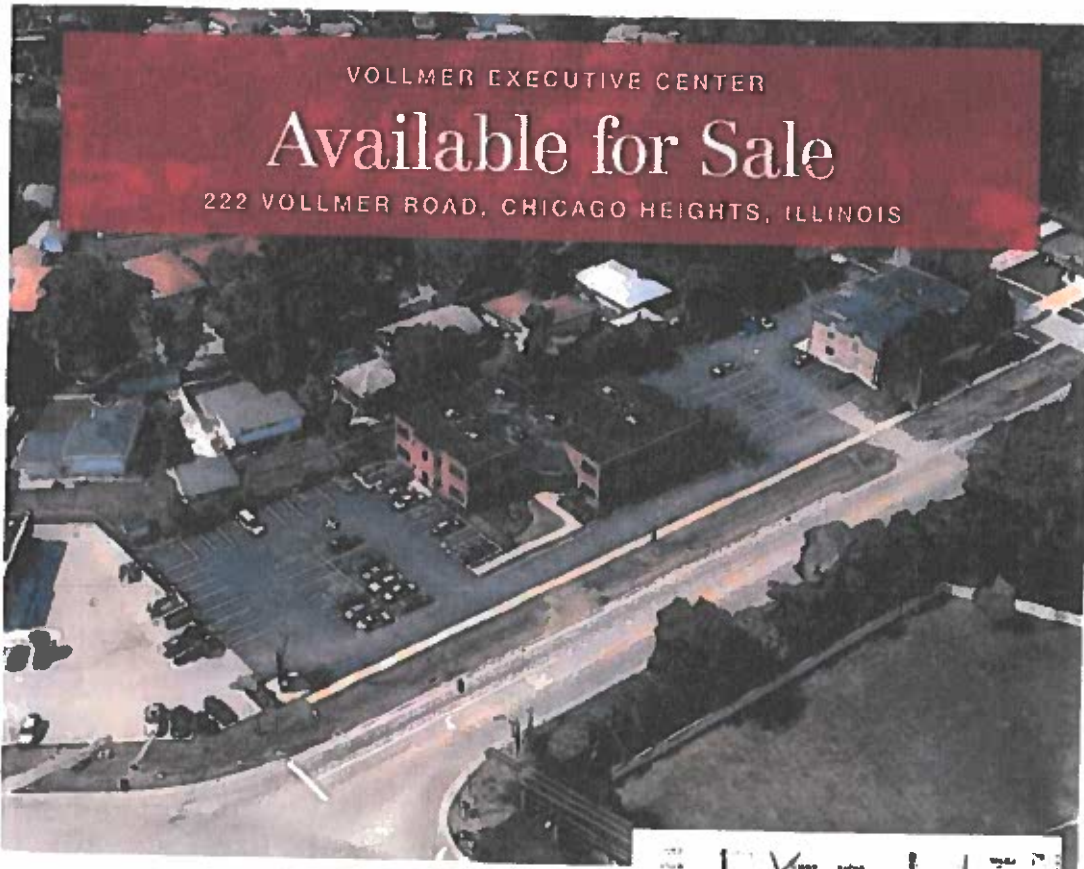
Should you require any additional information and/or documentation, please feel free to contact me.

I sincerely appreciate your assistance with this request and ask that you please mail the requested letter of compliance with the requirements of the Historic Resources Preservation Act to the above listed address of 15801 S. Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (708) 737-7200.

Respectfully submitted,

Asim Shazzad  
Administrator  
Enclosure(s)

Attachment 6



**PROPERTY DETAILS**

Constructed in 1987, the 23,343 SF (7,300 RSF in the lower level) two-story, multi-tenant office building on 1.04 acres is located at the signalized intersection of Vollmer Road and Dixie Highway. The building is currently 65% occupied by a diverse roster of tenants.

- New roof - 2016
- Minutes from seven different golf courses
- Good traffic counts at intersection - 9,500 ADT on Vollmer Road and 9,050 ADT on Dixie Highway
- Great signage - large monument sign
- Value-add opportunity
- Numerous nearby amenities



**23,343 SF, TWO STORY OFFICE BUILDING FOR SALE**



VOLLMER EXECUTIVE CENTER

# Confidential Offering



## OFFERING PROCEDURE

- All Due Diligence materials that will be provided will be made available thru NAI Hiffman.
- Private tours will be offered by appointment only.

This is a confidential offering being presented to a select group of prospective investors. Per the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, you agree to direct all inquiries to the Broker and not to contact the Owner, tenants, or property management staff or to tour the Property without being accompanied by a representative of the Broker.

**Tom Gnadt**

630 693 0659

tggnadt@hiffman.com

**Adam Johnson**

630 317 0720

ajohnson@hiffman.com

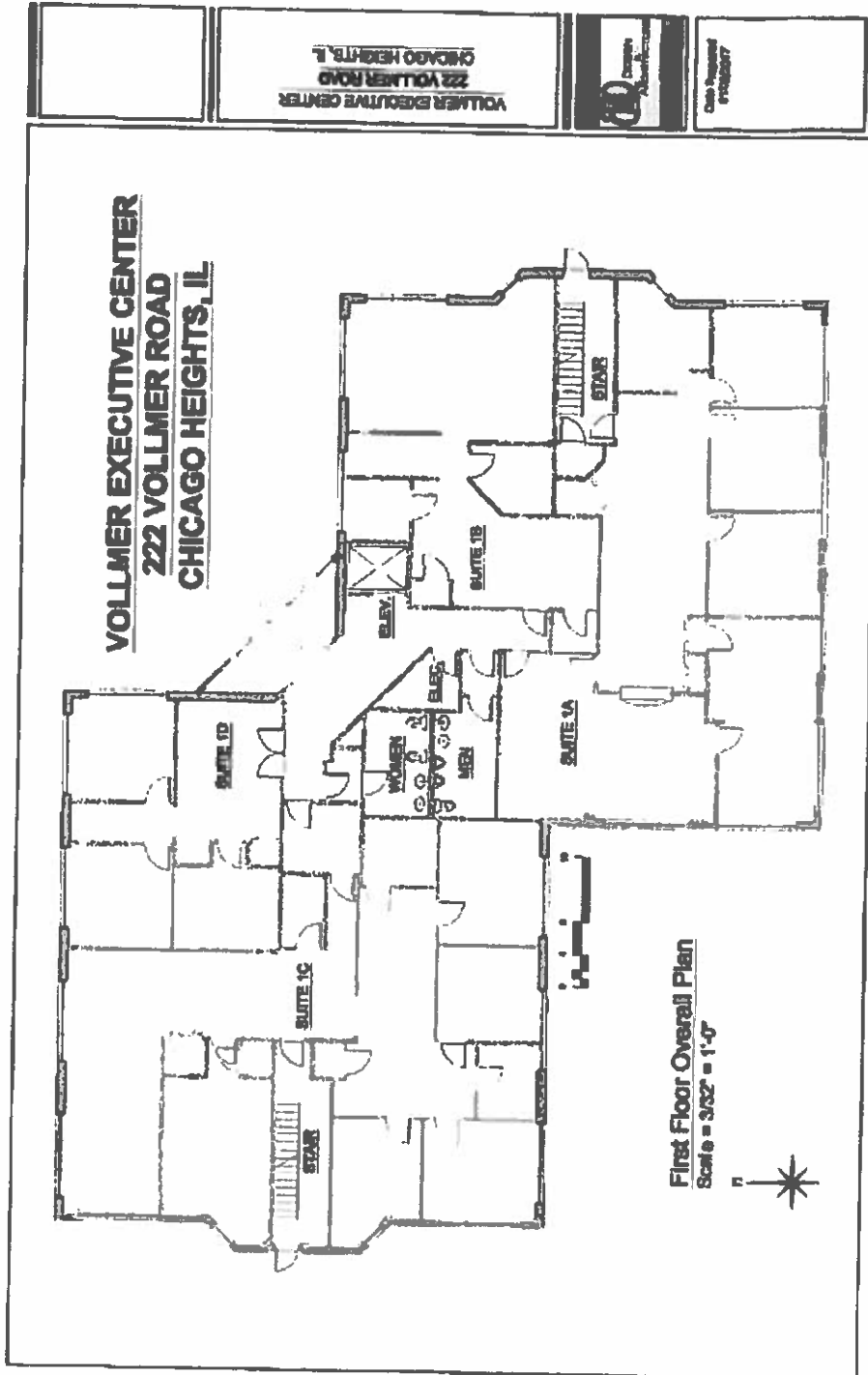
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**NAIHiffman**

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OAKBROOK TERRACE IL 60181  
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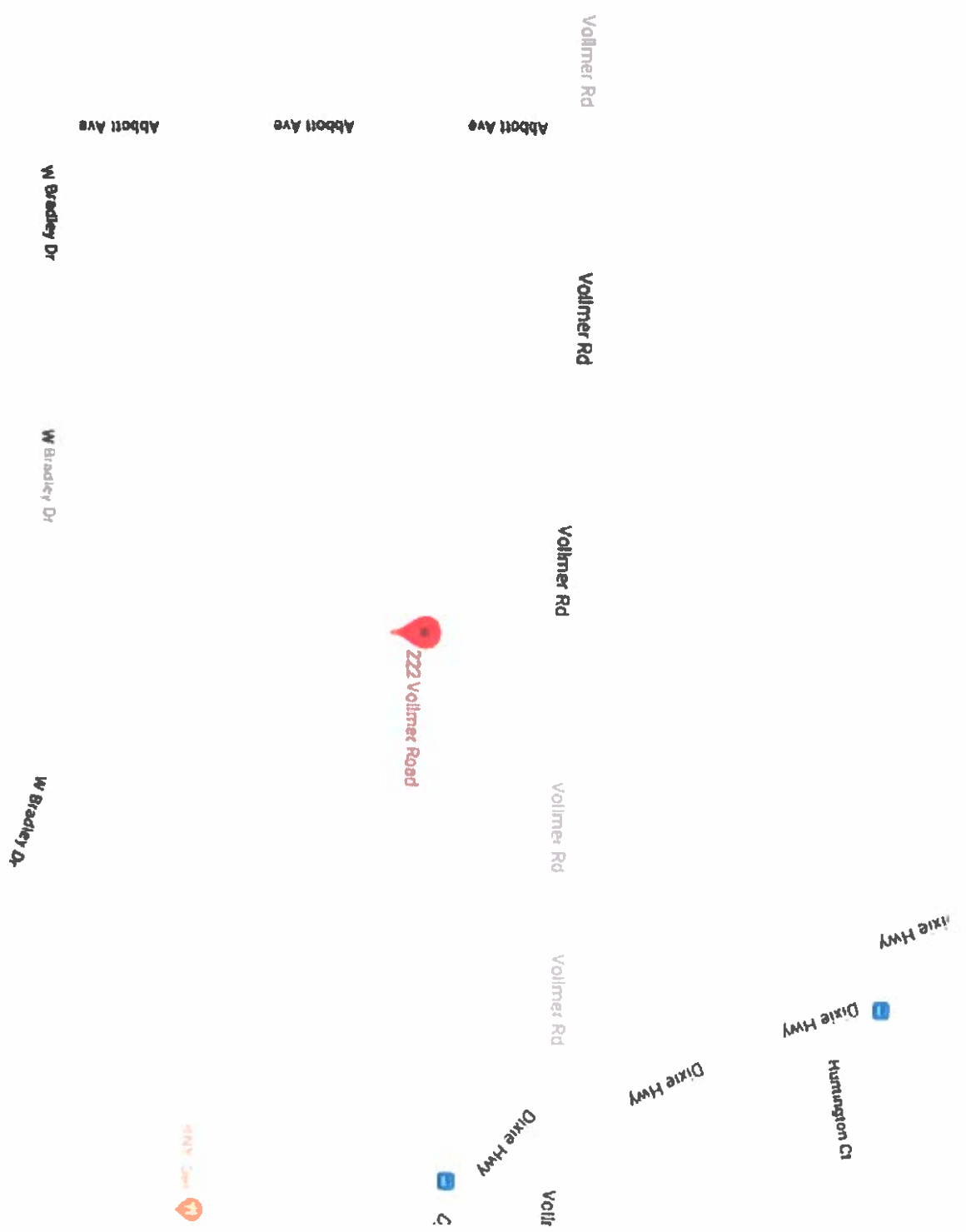
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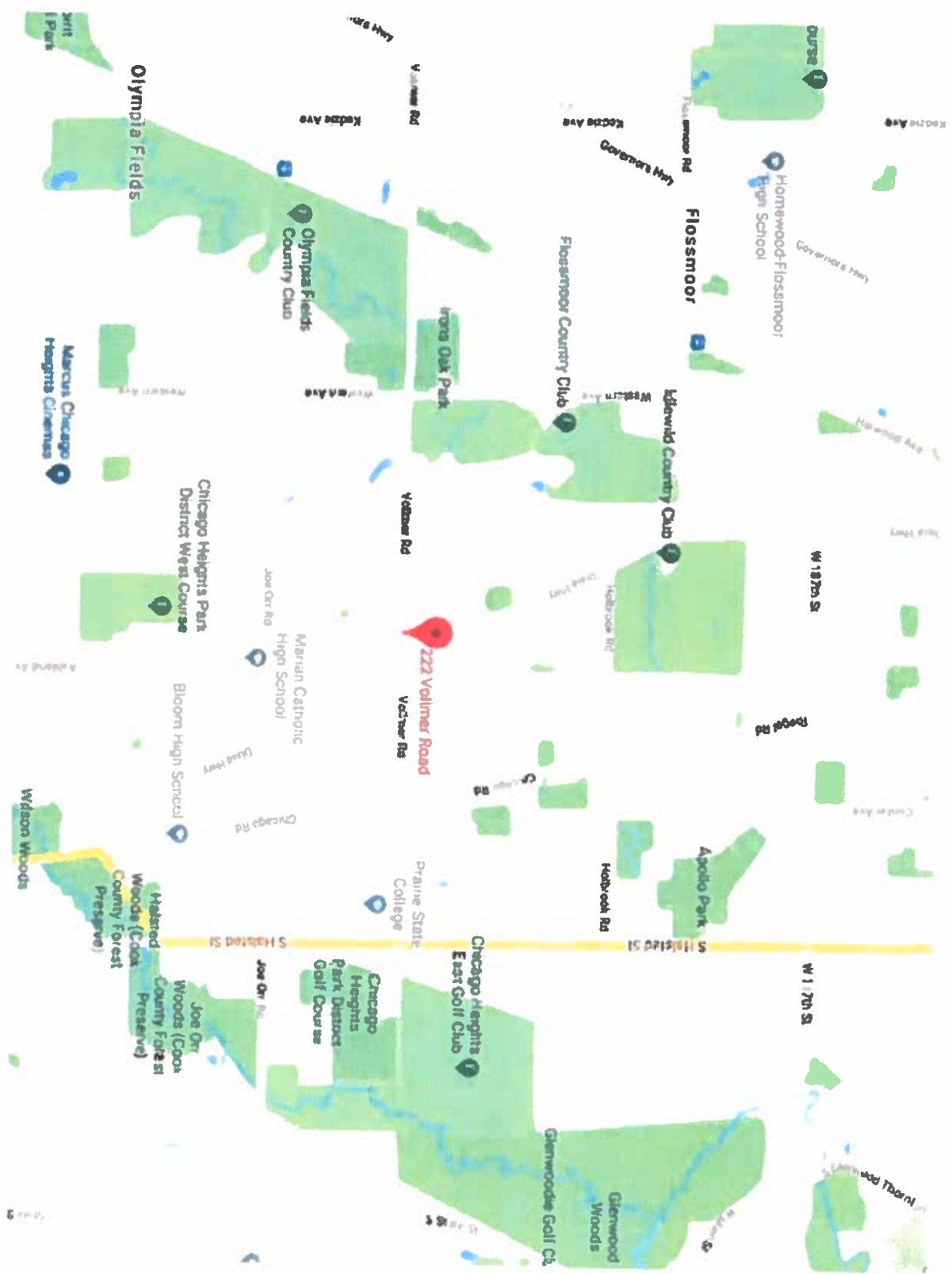


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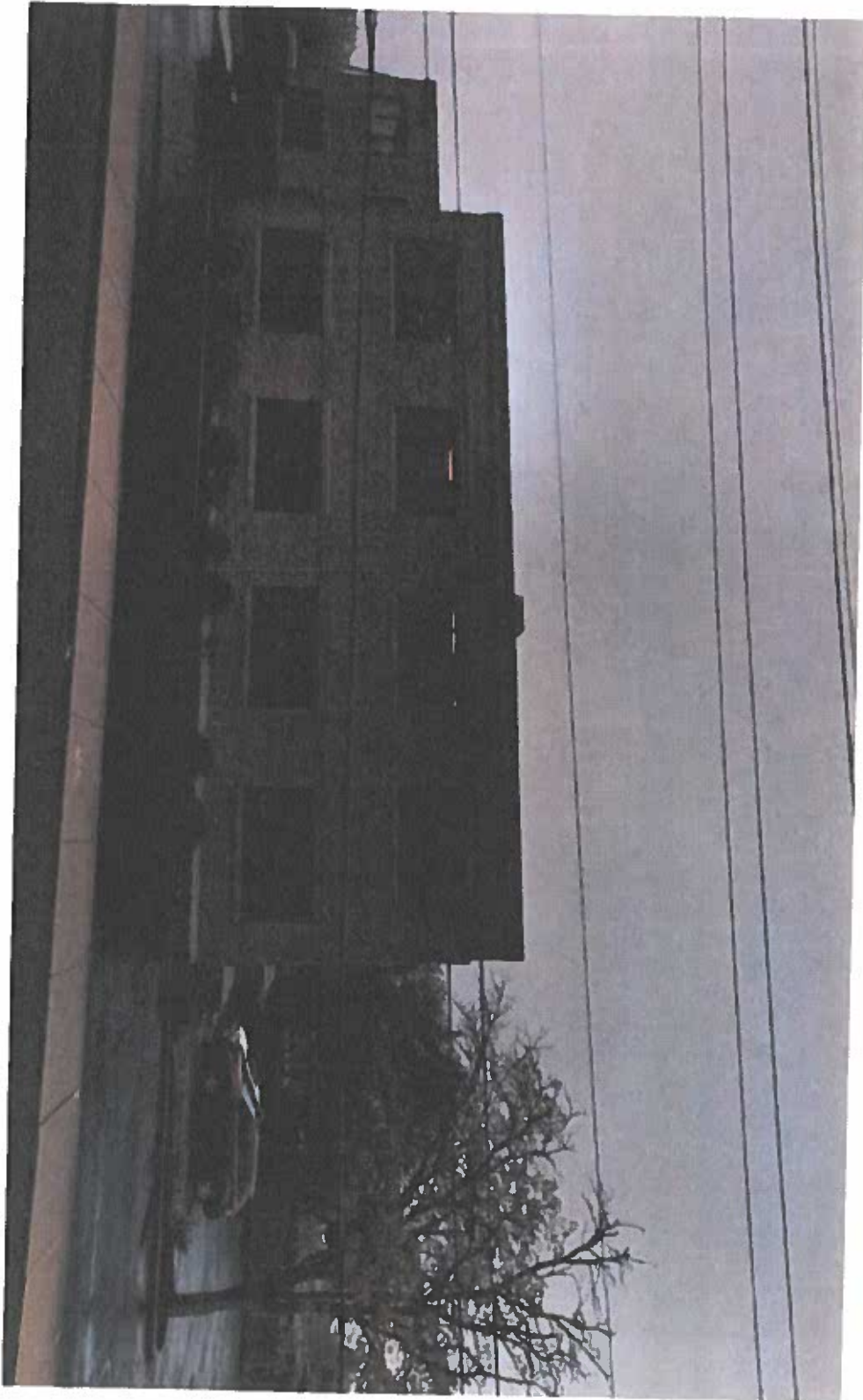
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**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification  
Project Costs and sources of funds**

**DCC Chicago Heights**

**Table 1120.110**

<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>Clinical</b>	<b>Non-Clinical</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>New Construction Contracts</b>	<b>1,094,984.80</b>		<b>1,094,984.80</b>
<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>87,598.78</b>		<b>87,598.78</b>
<b>Architectural/Engineering Fees</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>		<b>45,000.00</b>
<b>Moveable and Other Equipment</b>			
<b>Communications</b>	<b>12,100.00</b>		<b>12,100.00</b>
<b>Water Treatment</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>		<b>160,000.00</b>
<b>Clinical Furniture</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>		<b>21,000.00</b>
<b>Bio-Medical Equipment</b>	<b>13,500.00</b>		<b>13,500.00</b>
<b>Clinical Equipment</b>	<b>192,500.00</b>		<b>192,500.00</b>
<b>Office Furniture</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>		<b>23,000.00</b>
<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>		<b>29,000.00</b>
<b>Total Moveable and Other Equipment</b>	<b>451,100.00</b>		<b>451,100.00</b>
<b>Fair Market Value of Leased Space</b>	<b>880,241.54</b>		<b>880,241.54</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>2,558,925.13</b>		<b>2,558,925.13</b>

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification  
Project Status and completion schedules**

The Applicants anticipate project completion within approximately 19 months of project approval.

The Letter of Intent and lease provided on Attachment 2 provides the project will start after permit issuance.

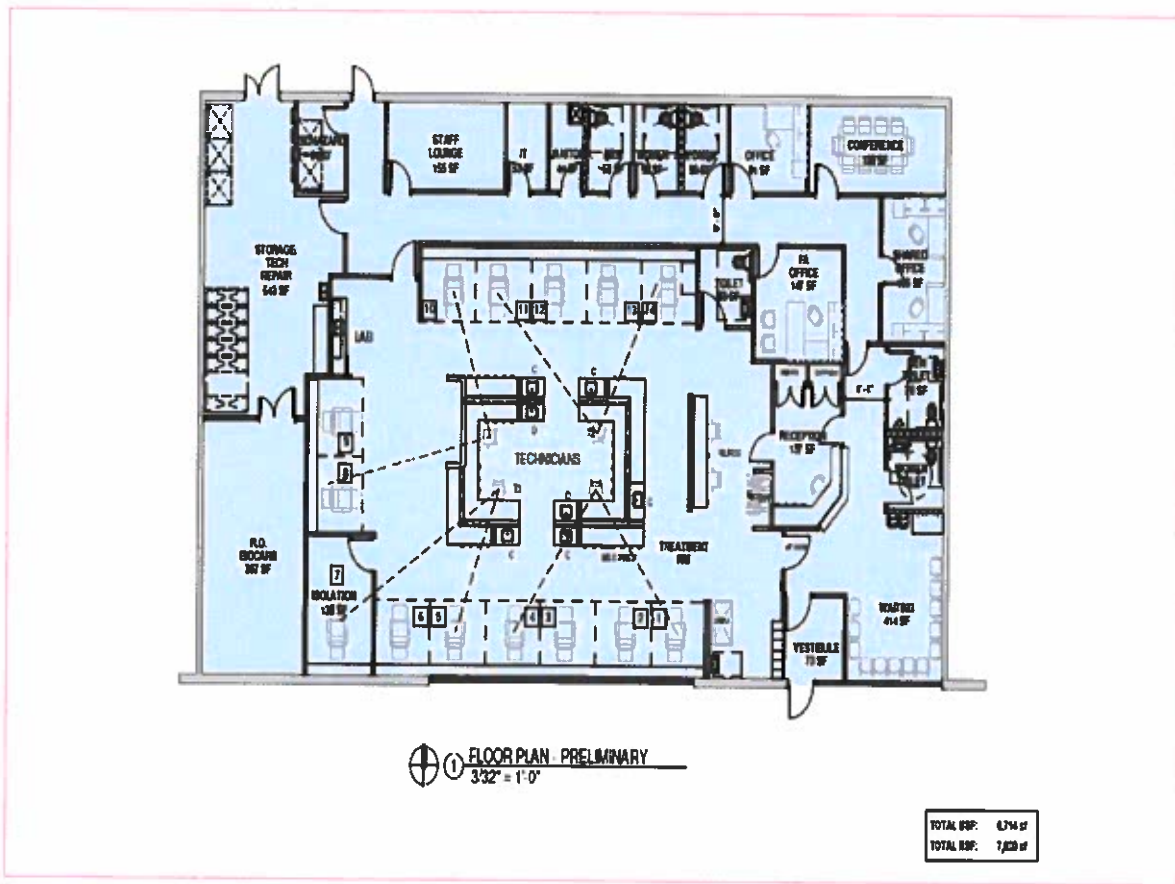
## Cost Space Requirements

Provide in the following format, the department/area **GSF** or the building/area **GSF** and cost.. The sum of the department costs **MUST** equal the total estimated project costs. Indicate if any space is being reallocated for a different purpose. Include outside wall measurements plus the department's or area's portion of the surrounding circulation space. **Explain the use of any vacated space.**

Dept. / Area	Cost	Gross Square Feet		Amount of Proposed Total Gross Square Feet That Is:			
		Existing	Proposed	New Const.	Modernized	As Is	Vacated Space
<b>REVIEWABLE</b>							
In-center Hemodialysis	\$2,558,925.13	7,280			7,280		
Total Clinical	\$2,558,925.13	7,280			7,280		
<b>NON REVIEWABLE</b>							
Administrative							
Parking							
Gift Shop							
Total Non-clinical							
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,558,925.13	<b>7,280</b>			<b>7,280</b>		

APPEND DOCUMENTATION AS **ATTACHMENT-9**, IN NUMERIC SEQUENTIAL ORDER AFTER THE LAST PAGE OF THE APPLICATION FORM.

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**  
**Project Status and Completion Schedules**  
**Schematic floor plan**



**Dialysis Care Center**

**SECTION III – BACKGROUND, PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, AND ALTERNATIVES - INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

**BACKGROUND OF THE APPLICANT**

The Applicants are fit, willing and able, and have the qualifications, background and character to adequately provide a proper standard of health care services for the community. This project is for the establishment of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, 14-station in-center hemodialysis facility to be located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights and Dialysis Care Center Holdings is 100% physician owned and operated. The two physicians below equally own the entities.

1. Morufu Alausa M.D.
2. Sameer M. Shafi M.D.

Both aforementioned physicians have earned recognition with America's Best Physicians for their excellence in providing care for ESRD patients and innovative contributions to the nephrology community overall.

Dialysis Care Center focuses on a 360-degree approach to improving patient health outcomes and providing a medical home for ESRD patients. Included in this care approach is an emphasis on one-on-one attention from our qualified medical staff and a cutting-edge educational program, known as Staff Enhanced Hemodialysis (SEH).

One-on-one attention from our CCHT and BONENT certified technicians and experienced dialysis nurses is achieved through maintaining facilities that have a lower number of stations. Such facilities create an environment for our medical staff to adequately and efficiently monitor patients throughout the entire hemodialysis treatment process. Additionally, such an atmosphere facilitates the creation of quality patient-provider relationships, contributing to construction of a medical home for ESRD patients.

Our continuing educational program, SEH, gives our medical staff, namely, our Clinical Certified Hemodialysis Technicians (CCHTs), more opportunity to connect with patients who visit our facilities for treatment. The program, which covers topics such as fluid management, vascular access management, anemia management, depression, dialysis adequacy and nutrition, is facilitated by our CCHTs, further allowing them to create these meaningful, improved outcome-driving relationships. Of course, this program also empowers patients with critical knowledge to help them better manage of their health, thus reducing hospitalizations and morbidity and mortality.

Attachment-11

With ESRD being the fastest growing cause of hospitalizations and the fifth leading cause of hospital readmissions, our care model additionally has carefully built-in patient interventions to reduce hospitalizations overall. Dialysis Care Center has been recognized by surrounding local hospitals in providing an excellent continuum of care to patients.

Dialysis Care Center provides:

- multiple physician visits within 30 days post-hospitalization,
- 100% medication reconciliation upon hospital discharge,
- renowned and open communication between our nursing/medical staff and hospital discharge planners,
- continuation of antibiotics and other hospital infusive therapies.

The addition of such interventions in Dialysis Care Center's in-center hemodialysis program have been shown to contribute to a strong, consistent, and community-based continuum of care.

Consistency is also implemented internally at Dialysis Care Center, using Clarity, an electronic health record (EHR) created specifically for dialysis clinics. Clarity allows all our medical staff an open line of communication regarding real-time progress to efficiently address patient needs.

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Certification and Authorization

**Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC**

In accordance with section III, A (2) of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board Application for certificate Need; I do hereby certify that no adverse actions have been taken against Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC by either Medicare or Medicaid, or any State or Federal regulatory authority during the 3 years prior to the filing of the Application with the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board; and

In regards to section III, A (3) of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board Application for certificate Need; I do hereby authorize the State Board and Agency access to information in order to verify any documentation or information submitted in response to the requirements of this subsection or to obtain any documentation or information that the State Board or Agency finds pertinent to this subsection.



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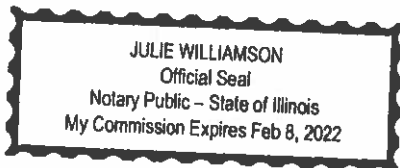
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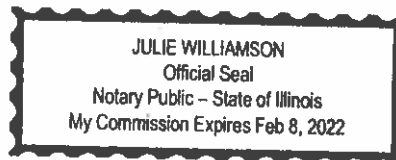
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Certification and Authorization

**Dialysis Care Center Holdings, LLC**

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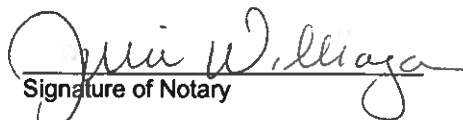
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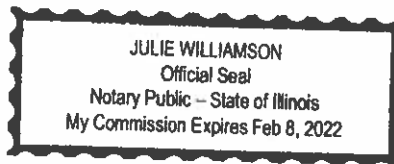
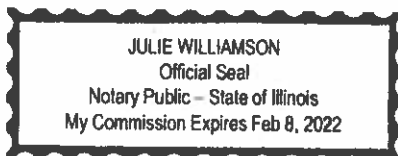
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### **SECTION III – BACKGROUND, PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, AND ALTERNATIVES - INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Purpose of the project**

The purpose of this project is to create additional life-sustaining dialysis accessibility to the large, growing population of ESRD patients in the HSA 7 market area specifically Chicago Heights and Cook County residents.

The proposed facility would provide 14 stations needed to accommodate ESRD patients. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights would be providing quality, patient-centered healthcare and education to patients using our facility. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights would be providing quality, patient-centered healthcare and education to patients using our facility.

It is our priority that every patient concern is addressed and resolved in a timely fashion. The complete physician ownership of our organization allows that our physicians have total independence to make crucial clinical decisions that maximize positive patient outcomes. Our organization recognizes that patient outcomes and satisfaction are the building blocks of successful healthcare, which is why we require that quality of care is our first priority over profitability concerns.

The addition of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights in this community will provide additional treatment options for patients in the specific market area, as well as for patients in Cook County overall, and other surrounding cities. The market area to be served by the applicant is approximately within a 5-mile radius of the proposed facility location.

As of 2010, the total population of Cook County was 5.195 million, while the population of the City of Chicago Heights was 30,276. Historically, these areas have seen a tremendous and concerning growth of ESRD patients, as indicated by the 70-80% utilization of most ESRD facilities in the surrounding area. This project will aid in addressing the clear and crucial needs of this community for hemodialysis treatment options.

It is an established criterion for patients who require chronic dialysis treatments to have convenient and adequate access to services, as these conditions result in fewer health complications for patients and reduce healthcare costs to patients and payers alike. The new in-center clinic, Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, will allow patients increased access to dialysis services within a reasonable travel distances from home, while avoiding significant highway travel.

It is expected that Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, once operational, will meet and possibly exceed clinical outcome expectations set by the Renal Network and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Such expectations address Kt/V Dialysis Adequacy, Access Type, the Standardized Transfusion Ratio (STrR) and Hypercalcemia.


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U.S. Census Bureau  
**AMERICAN FactFinder** 

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 2010 Demographic Profile Data

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Geography: Cook County, Illinois

SEX AND AGE	Subject	Number	Percent
	Total population	5,194,875	100.0
	Under 5 years	342,493	6.6
	5 to 9 years	331,837	6.4
	10 to 14 years	339,676	6.5
	15 to 19 years	360,190	6.9
	20 to 24 years	372,603	7.2
	25 to 29 years	435,610	8.4
	30 to 34 years	396,053	7.6
	35 to 39 years	382,415	7.0
	40 to 44 years	347,380	6.7
	45 to 49 years	357,666	6.9
	50 to 54 years	369,507	6.9
	55 to 59 years	312,366	6.0
	60 to 64 years	266,990	4.9
	65 to 69 years	183,907	3.5
	70 to 74 years	140,814	2.7
	75 to 79 years	112,278	2.2
	80 to 84 years	92,153	1.8
	85 years and over	91,377	1.8
	Median age (years)	35.3	(X)
	10 years and over	4,168,936	79.1
	18 years and over	3,962,396	76.3
	21 years and over	3,750,384	72.2
	62 years and over	766,376	14.8
	65 years and over	620,329	11.9
	Male population	2,514,314	48.4
	Under 5 years	174,153	3.4
	5 to 9 years	168,000	3.2
	10 to 14 years	172,848	3.3
	15 to 19 years	183,431	3.5
	20 to 24 years	184,841	3.6
	25 to 29 years	214,382	4.1
	30 to 34 years	197,362	3.8
	35 to 39 years	179,623	3.5
	40 to 44 years	172,025	3.3
	45 to 49 years	174,309	3.4
	50 to 54 years	172,628	3.3
	55 to 59 years	148,009	2.8
	60 to 64 years	119,841	2.3

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Subject	Number	Percent
65 to 69 years	82,698	1.6
70 to 74 years	60,220	1.2
75 to 79 years	46,108	0.9
80 to 84 years	35,103	0.7
85 years and over	28,136	0.5
Median age (years)	34.0	( X )
16 years and over	1,962,021	37.8
18 years and over	1,886,969	36.3
21 years and over	1,779,937	34.3
62 years and over	320,111	6.2
65 years and over	252,265	4.9
Female population	2,660,361	51.6
Under 5 years	168,340	3.2
5 to 9 years	163,237	3.1
10 to 14 years	166,728	3.2
15 to 19 years	176,759	3.4
20 to 24 years	187,662	3.6
25 to 29 years	221,128	4.3
30 to 34 years	198,691	3.8
35 to 39 years	182,792	3.5
40 to 44 years	175,356	3.4
45 to 49 years	183,250	3.5
50 to 54 years	186,879	3.6
55 to 59 years	164,367	3.2
60 to 64 years	137,119	2.6
65 to 69 years	101,209	1.9
70 to 74 years	80,394	1.5
75 to 79 years	66,170	1.3
80 to 84 years	67,050	1.1
85 years and over	63,241	1.2
Median age (years)	36.6	( X )
16 years and over	2,146,915	41.3
18 years and over	2,075,426	40.0
21 years and over	1,970,447	37.9
62 years and over	446,285	8.6
65 years and over	368,064	7.1
<b>RACE</b>		
Total population	5,194,675	100.0
One Race	5,062,905	97.5
White	2,877,212	55.4
Black or African American	1,287,767	24.8
American Indian and Alaska Native	21,559	0.4
Asian	322,672	6.2
Asian Indian	93,730	1.8
Chinese	62,392	1.2
Filipino	64,349	1.2
Japanese	11,446	0.2
Korean	37,008	0.7
Vietnamese	13,522	0.3
Other Asian [1]	40,225	0.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,724	0.0
Native Hawaiian	430	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	542	0.0
Samoan	202	0.0

Subject	Number	Percent
Other Pacific Islander [2]	560	0.0
Some Other Race	551,971	10.6
Two or More Races	131,770	2.6
White; American Indian and Alaska Native [3]	9,552	0.2
White; Asian [3]	26,680	0.5
White; Black or African American [3]	21,706	0.4
White; Some Other Race [3]	38,219	0.7
<b>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: [4]</b>		
White	2,982,285	57.4
Black or African American	1,331,016	25.6
American Indian and Alaska Native	45,040	0.9
Asian	362,929	7.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	6,393	0.1
Some Other Race	608,094	11.7
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b>		
Total population	5,194,675	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	1,244,762	24.0
Mexican	961,963	18.5
Puerto Rican	133,882	2.6
Cuban	13,679	0.3
Other Hispanic or Latino [5]	135,238	2.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,949,913	76.0
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
Total population	5,194,675	100.0
Hispanic or Latino	1,244,762	24.0
White alone	598,854	11.5
Black or African American alone	21,989	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	14,877	0.3
Asian alone	3,803	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	681	0.0
Some Other Race alone	544,220	10.5
Two or More Races	60,338	1.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,949,913	76.0
White alone	2,278,358	43.9
Black or African American alone	1,265,778	24.4
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	6,682	0.1
Asian alone	318,869	6.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,043	0.0
Some Other Race alone	7,751	0.1
Two or More Races	71,432	1.4
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
Total population	5,194,675	100.0
In households	5,104,393	98.3
Householder	1,966,356	37.9
Spouse [6]	803,042	15.5
Child	1,555,503	29.9
Own child under 18 years	1,039,320	20.0
Other relatives	472,552	9.1
Under 18 years	173,533	3.3
65 years and over	60,016	1.2
Nonrelatives	306,040	5.9
Under 18 years	15,878	0.3
65 years and over	11,736	0.2
Unmarried partner	128,099	2.5
In group quarters	90,282	1.7

Subject	Number	Percent
Institutionalized population	45,749	0.9
Male	25,715	0.5
Female	20,034	0.4
Noninstitutionalized population	44,533	0.9
Male	22,621	0.4
Female	21,912	0.4
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
Total households	1,966,350	100.0
Family households (families) [7]	1,211,420	61.6
With own children under 18 years	549,892	28.0
Husband-wife family	803,942	40.9
With own children under 18 years	361,549	18.4
Male householder, no wife present	101,003	5.1
With own children under 18 years	39,181	2.0
Female householder, no husband present	306,475	15.6
With own children under 18 years	149,162	7.6
Nonfamily households [7]	754,936	38.4
Householder living alone	609,682	31.0
Male	267,067	13.6
65 years and over	54,377	2.8
Female	342,515	17.4
65 years and over	133,664	6.8
Households with individuals under 18 years	631,369	32.1
Households with individuals 65 years and over	467,627	23.8
Average household size	2.60	( X )
Average family size [7]	3.34	( X )
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	2,180,350	100.0
Occupied housing units	1,966,350	90.2
Vacant housing units	214,003	9.8
For rent	87,844	4.0
Rented, not occupied	4,180	0.2
For sale only	35,879	1.6
Sold, not occupied	6,135	0.3
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	14,225	0.7
All other vacants	65,740	3.0
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) [8]	3.0	( X )
Rental vacancy rate (percent) [9]	9.6	( X )
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
Occupied housing units	1,966,350	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	1,143,857	58.2
Population in owner-occupied housing units	3,116,535	( X )
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.72	( X )
Renter-occupied housing units	822,499	41.8
Population in renter-occupied housing units	1,987,858	( X )
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.42	( X )

X Not applicable

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[2] Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

[3] One of the four most commonly reported multiple-race combinations nationwide in Census 2000.

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Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010

2010 Demographic Profile Data

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Geography: Chicago Heights city, Illinois

Subject	Number	Percent
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>		
Total population	30,276	100.0
Under 5 years	2,623	8.7
5 to 9 years	2,566	8.5
10 to 14 years	2,512	8.3
15 to 19 years	2,630	8.7
20 to 24 years	2,161	7.1
25 to 29 years	2,135	7.1
30 to 34 years	2,055	6.8
35 to 39 years	1,929	6.4
40 to 44 years	1,840	6.1
45 to 49 years	1,837	6.1
50 to 54 years	1,916	6.3
55 to 59 years	1,602	5.3
60 to 64 years	1,244	4.1
65 to 69 years	896	3.0
70 to 74 years	731	2.4
75 to 79 years	609	2.0
80 to 84 years	506	1.7
85 years and over	472	1.6
Median age (years)	31.2	( X )
16 years and over	22,027	72.8
18 years and over	20,979	69.3
21 years and over	19,486	64.4
62 years and over	3,915	12.9
65 years and over	3,216	10.6
<b>Male population</b>		
Under 5 years	1,364	4.6
5 to 9 years	1,360	4.5
10 to 14 years	1,264	4.2
15 to 19 years	1,378	4.6
20 to 24 years	1,112	3.7
25 to 29 years	1,041	3.4
30 to 34 years	1,020	3.4
35 to 39 years	903	3.0
40 to 44 years	877	2.9
45 to 49 years	894	3.0
50 to 54 years	916	3.0
55 to 59 years	744	2.5
60 to 64 years	596	2.0

Subject	Number	Percent
65 to 69 years	388	1.3
70 to 74 years	305	1.0
75 to 79 years	256	0.8
80 to 84 years	210	0.7
85 years and over	151	0.5
Median age (years)	29.3	( X )
16 years and over	10,497	34.7
18 years and over	9,975	32.9
21 years and over	9,193	30.4
62 years and over	1,629	5.4
65 years and over	1,310	4.3
Female population	15,457	51.1
Under 5 years	1,239	4.1
5 to 9 years	1,206	4.0
10 to 14 years	1,228	4.1
15 to 19 years	1,252	4.1
20 to 24 years	1,049	3.5
25 to 29 years	1,094	3.6
30 to 34 years	1,045	3.5
35 to 39 years	1,026	3.4
40 to 44 years	963	3.2
45 to 49 years	943	3.1
50 to 54 years	1,000	3.3
55 to 59 years	858	2.8
60 to 64 years	648	2.1
65 to 69 years	510	1.7
70 to 74 years	426	1.4
75 to 79 years	353	1.2
80 to 84 years	296	1.0
85 years and over	321	1.1
Median age (years)	33.0	( X )
16 years and over	11,530	38.1
18 years and over	11,004	36.3
21 years and over	10,293	34.0
62 years and over	2,266	7.6
65 years and over	1,906	6.3
<b>RACE</b>		
Total population	30,276	100.0
One Race	29,413	97.1
White	11,506	38.0
Black or African American	12,673	41.5
American Indian and Alaska Native	181	0.6
Asian	107	0.4
Asian Indian	24	0.1
Chinese	10	0.0
Filipino	32	0.1
Japanese	11	0.0
Korean	5	0.0
Vietnamese	11	0.0
Other Asian [1]	14	0.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	10	0.0
Native Hawaiian	6	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	1	0.0
Samoan	0	0.0

Subject	Number	Percent
Other Pacific Islander [2]	3	0.0
Some Other Race	5,036	16.6
Two or More Races	863	2.9
White: American Indian and Alaska Native [3]	44	0.1
White: Asian [3]	23	0.1
White: Black or African American [3]	258	0.9
White: Some Other Race [3]	260	0.9
<b>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: [4]</b>		
White	12,159	40.2
Black or African American	13,074	43.2
American Indian and Alaska Native	321	1.1
Asian	184	0.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	37	0.1
Some Other Race	5,441	18.0
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO</b>		
Total population	30,276	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	10,254	33.9
Mexican	9,438	31.2
Puerto Rican	281	0.9
Cuban	21	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino [5]	514	1.7
Not Hispanic or Latino	20,022	66.1
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
Total population	30,276	100.0
Hispanic or Latino	10,254	33.9
White alone	4,444	14.7
Black or African American alone	203	0.7
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	137	0.5
Asian alone	20	0.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	2	0.0
Some Other Race alone	4,985	16.5
Two or More Races	453	1.5
Not Hispanic or Latino	20,022	66.1
White alone	7,062	23.3
Black or African American alone	12,370	40.9
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	44	0.1
Asian alone	87	0.3
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	8	0.0
Some Other Race alone	51	0.2
Two or More Races	400	1.3
<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
Total population	30,276	100.0
In households	29,632	97.9
Householder	9,587	31.7
Spouse [6]	3,837	12.7
Child	11,170	36.9
Own child under 18 years	7,520	25.2
Other relatives	3,508	11.6
Under 18 years	1,543	5.1
65 years and over	280	0.9
Nonrelatives	1,530	5.1
Under 18 years	121	0.4
65 years and over	59	0.2
Unmarried partner	693	2.3
In group quarters	644	2.1

Subject	Number	Percent
Institutionalized population	507	1.7
Male	266	0.9
Female	241	0.8
Noninstitutionalized population	137	0.5
Male	92	0.3
Female	45	0.1
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>		
Total households	9,587	100.0
Family households (families) [7]	7,077	73.8
With own children under 18 years	3,696	37.5
Husband-wife family	3,837	40.0
With own children under 18 years	1,883	19.6
Male householder, no wife present	752	7.8
With own children under 18 years	325	3.4
Female householder, no husband present	2,488	26.0
With own children under 18 years	1,387	14.5
Nonfamily households [7]	2,610	26.2
Householder living alone	2,121	22.1
Male	953	9.9
65 years and over	233	2.4
Female	1,168	12.2
65 years and over	559	5.8
Households with individuals under 18 years	4,253	44.4
Households with individuals 65 years and over	2,361	24.6
Average household size	3.09	( X )
Average family size [7]	3.62	( X )
<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Total housing units	11,060	100.0
Occupied housing units	9,587	86.7
Vacant housing units	1,473	13.3
For rent	490	4.4
Rented, not occupied	16	0.1
For sale only	207	1.9
Sold, not occupied	23	0.2
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	17	0.2
All other vacants	720	6.5
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) [8]	3.4	( X )
Rental vacancy rate (percent) [9]	11.7	( X )
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
Occupied housing units	9,587	100.0
Owner-occupied housing units	5,868	61.4
Population in owner-occupied housing units	18,080	( X )
Average household size of owner-occupied units	3.07	( X )
Renter-occupied housing units	3,699	38.6
Population in renter-occupied housing units	11,552	( X )
Average household size of renter-occupied units	3.12	( X )

X Not applicable.

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[5] This category is composed of people whose origins are from the Dominican Republic, Spain, and Spanish-speaking Central or South American countries. It also includes general origin responses such as "Latino" or "Hispanic."

[6] "Spouse" represents spouse of the householder. It does not reflect all spouses in a household. Responses of "same-sex spouse" were edited during processing to "unmarried partner."

[7] "Family households" consist of a householder and one or more other people related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. They do include same-sex married couples even if the marriage was performed in a state issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples. Same-sex co-households are included in the family households category if there is at least one additional person related to the householder by birth or adoption. Same-sex couple households with no relatives of the householder present are tabulated in nonfamily households. "Nonfamily households" consist of people living alone and households which do not have any members related to the householder.

[8] The homeowner vacancy rate is the proportion of the homeowner inventory that is vacant "for sale." It is computed by dividing the total number of vacant units "for sale only" by the sum of owner-occupied units, vacant units that are "for sale only," and vacant units that have been sold but not yet occupied; and then multiplying by 100.

[9] The rental vacancy rate is the proportion of the rental inventory that is vacant "for rent." It is computed by dividing the total number of vacant units "for rent" by the sum of the renter-occupied units, vacant units that are "for rent," and vacant units that have been rented but not yet occupied; and then multiplying by 100.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Purpose  
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## SECTION III – BACKGROUND, PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT, AND ALTERNATIVES - INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

### Alternatives to the project

We have considered three options prior to determining the establishment of a 14-station dialysis facility

1. Increasing or reducing the scope and size of the project
2. Pursuing a joint venture for the establishment of a new facility
3. Using existing facilities

After exploring these options, which are discussed in more detail below, we determined to establish a 14-station dialysis facility. Discussed is a review of each of the options considered and the reasons they were rejected.

#### Proposing a project of greater or lesser scope and cost.

The only option other than what was proposed in the application, would entail a lesser scope and cost than the project proposed in this application would be to do nothing, which was considered. **This option, however, does not address the need of current stations in Chicago Heights, IL.** To do nothing would cause existing area facilities to reach or exceed capacity as patient access declines in this HSA defined zone. There is no cost to this alternative.

The proposed facility that is identified for Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights is a shell ready facility. By using this site, the costs associated with this project are significantly lower compared to other ESRD projects brought to the board. This cost-effective method will ensure the need for the additional stations are met with a reduced cost for the facility.

#### Pursuing a joint venture or similar arrangement with one or more providers or entities to meet all or portion of the projects intended purposes; developing alternative settings to meet all or a portion of the projects intended purposes.

Section is not applicable as this facility is 100% owned and operated directly by the physicians working in the area.

#### Physician owned and managed compared to corporate owned facilities.

There are currently no solely physician owned ESRD facilities in the area. The Medical Director and the physician partners identified that will refer their ESRD patients to Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights have no current options where they can refer their patients in which they have the independence they need to make quality clinical decisions and can focus on maximizing patient care.

#### Utilizing other health care resources that are available to serve all or portion of the population proposed to be served by the project.

Utilizing other health care ESRD facilities was considered but there is no alternative. As mentioned there are no physician-owned ESRD facilities in the area where the physicians have the independence they need to improve the quality indicators set by the Board's criteria on quality. It is expected that the facility will exceed the clinical outcomes that meet all network, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services clinical goals established.

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Reasons why the chosen alternatives were selected.

The project utilizes space that will be leased, as opposed to building a new facility from ground up. The cost of the proposed project is a fraction of the cost of developing a new facility. We expect to spend less than the average in renovation costs on a space of 7,280 sq. ft. Beyond that, the only additional cost would be to provide the equipment needed to provide dialysis services. We believe that this is a very substantial cost-effective alternative that will meet the need.

This we believe is the most efficient long-term solution to maintaining access to dialysis services in the Chicago Heights area, and to accommodate the need of the growing population in HSA 7.

We believe that the proposed project meets the HFPB goals of providing health care services in the most cost effective manner.

Empirical evidence, including quantified outcome data that verifies improved quality of care, as available.

There is no direct empirical evidence relating to this project other than that when chronic care patients have adequate access to services, it tends to reduce overall healthcare costs and results in less complications. It is expected that this facility will exceed the quality expectations set by the Board.

**SECTION IV. PROJECT SCOPE, UTILIZATION, AND UNFINISHED/SHELL SPACE**  
**Size of Project**

As seen in the chart below, the state standard is 360-520 gross square feet per dialysis station for a total of 5,040-7,280 gross square feet for 14 stations. The project is being accomplished in leased space within the state guidelines, at 500 DGSF per station. The total proposed gross square footage of the clinical space of the proposed Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights is 7,280 of contiguous rentable square feet or 520GSF per station. Accordingly, the proposed facility meets the State standard per station.

<b>Dept. / Service</b>	<b>Proposed BGSF/DGSF</b>	<b>State Standard</b>		<b>Difference</b>	<b>Met Standard?</b>
ESRD In-center Hemodialysis	7,280 (14 Stations)	360- 520 DGSF		N/A	Yes

Size of Project  
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**SECTION IV. PROJECT SCOPE, UTILIZATION, AND UNFINISHED/SHELL SPACE**  
**Project Service Utilization**

Our Nephrologist has identified 77 pre-ESRD patients (a total of 110 patients before accounting for a 30% patient loss prior to dialysis commencement) with lab values indicative of active kidney failure who live in HSA 7, in Chicago Heights, and in surrounding areas. These individuals are expected to require dialysis services in the first two years after the Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights facility begins operations.

<b>UTILIZATION</b>					
	<b>DEPT./ SERVICE</b>	<b>HISTORICAL UTILIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECTED UTILIZATION</b>	<b>STATE STANDARD</b>	<b>MET STANDARD?</b>
	<b>IN-CENTER HEMODIALYSIS</b>	<b>N/A PROPOSED FACILITY</b>		<b>80%</b>	
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>IN-CENTER HEMODIALYSIS</b>		<b>67%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>IN-CENTER HEMODIALYSIS</b>		<b>81%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>YES</b>

**SECTION IV. PROJECT SCOPE, UTILIZATION, AND UNFINISHED/SHELL SPACE**  
**Unfinished or Shell Space**

This project will not include unfinished space designed to meet an anticipated future demand for service. Accordingly, this criterion is not applicable.

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**SECTION IV. PROJECT SCOPE, UTILIZATION, AND UNFINISHED/SHELL SPACE**  
**Assurances**

This project will not include unfinished space designed to meet an anticipated future demand for service. Accordingly, this criterion is not applicable.

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## **SECTION VI. SERVICE SPECIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Service to Planning area residents

The primary purpose of this project is to ensure that the ESRD patient population of the greater Chicago Heights area, market area, and planning area of HSA 7 has access to life sustaining dialysis.

We anticipate that well over 80% of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be residents of the planning area HSA 7.

Planning Area Need

**SECTION VI. SERVICE SPECIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Service Demand- Establishment of Category of services

As shown in our Medical Director's referral letter and other estimates made by Nephrologists practicing in the Chicago Heights area, our physicians anticipate approximately 77 patients conservatively, based upon attrition due to patient death, transplant, or return of function, will be referred to the proposed facility in the next 12 to 24 months.

All these patients reside within 30 minutes or 5 miles of the proposed facility.

## **Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

### **In-Center Hemodialysis**

#### **Planning area need – Service Accessibility**

As set forth throughout this application, the proposed ESRD facility is needed to maintain access to life-sustaining dialysis for patients in the greater Chicago Heights area. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights is necessary to provide essential care to ESRD patients in the community. This facility will better accommodate the current and future demand for dialysis services and ensure dialysis services are accessible to the greater Chicago Heights Community and HSA 7 area.

**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(C) (1), Unnecessary Duplication

The proposed dialysis facility will be located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664.

Utilization of proposed facilities market area is attached at Attachment 24A.

**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**  
In-Center Hemodialysis  
Criterion 1110.1430(C) (1), Unnecessary Duplication

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In-Center Hemodialysis  
Criterion 1110.1430(C) (1), Unnecessary Duplication

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address 1</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>	<b>Information</b>
Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411	Vollmer Rd	Chicago Heights	IL	60411	

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**  
**In-Center Hemodialysis**  
**Criterion 1110.1430(C) (1), Unnecessary Duplication**

ESRD Name	ESRD Address	City	County	Zip Code	Stations
Fresenius Kidney Care Chicago Heights	15 E. Independence Drive	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	12
Chicago Heights Davita	177 W. Joe Orr Road	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	16
DaVita Country Hills Dialysis	4215 W. 167th Street	Country Club Hills	Cook	60478	24
Community Dialysis of Harvey	16641 S. Halsted St.	Harvey	Cook	60426	18
Dialysis Care Center Hazel Crest	18325 Pulaski Avenue	Hazel Crest	Cook	60422	12
Davita Hazel Crest	3470 W. 183rd Street	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	20
Fresenius Kidney Care Hazel Crest	17524 E. Carriageway Drive	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	16
DaVita Olympia Fields Dialysis Center	4557 West Lincoln Highway	Matteson	Cook	60443	24
Dialysis Care Center of Olympia Fields	3222 Vollmer Road	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	11
Fresenius Kidney Care South Suburban	2609 Lincoln Hwy	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	27
South Holland Renal Center	16110 LaSalle Street	South Holland	Cook	60473	24
Fresenius Kidney Care South Holland	17225 S. Paxton	South Holland	Cook	60473	24
Fresenius Kidney Care Steger	219 E. 34th Street	Steger	Cook	60475	18

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In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(C) (1), Unnecessary Duplication

B. A list of existing dialysis facilities operational for 2 years and located within 5 miles radius of the proposed dialysis facility is provided in the following attachment (Attachment 24). Additionally, driving time from MapQuest is attached on Appendix 1.

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ESRD Name	ESRD Address	City	County	Zip Code	Stations	Utilization
Fresenius Kidney Care Chicago Heights	15 E. Independence Drive	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	12	48.61%
Chicago Heights Davita	177 W. Joe Orr Road	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	16	68.75%
DaVita Country Hills Dialysis	4215 W. 167th Street	Country Club Hills	Cook	60478	24	61.11%
Community Dialysis of Harvey	16641 S. Halsted St.	Harvey	Cook	60426	18	57.41%
Dialysis Care Center Hazel Crest	18325 Pulaski Avenue	Hazel Crest	Cook	60422	12	N/A
Davita Hazel Crest	3470 W. 183rd Street	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	20	83.33%
Fresenius Kidney Care Hazel Crest	17524 E. Carriageway Drive	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	16	73.96%
DaVita Olympia Fields Dialysis Center	4557 West Lincoln Highway	Matteson	Cook	60443	24	61.11%
Dialysis Care Center of Olympia Fields	3222 Vollmer Road	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	11	87.88%
Fresenius Kidney Care South Suburban	2609 Lincoln Hwy	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	27	70.37%
South Holland Renal Center	16110 LaSalle Street	South Holland	Cook	60473	24	86.81%
Fresenius Kidney Care South Holland	17225 S. Paxton	South Holland	Cook	60473	24	0.8958
Fresenius Kidney Care Steger	219 E. 34th Street	Steger	Cook	60475	18	0.5556

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## **Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

### **In-Center Hemodialysis**

#### **Criterion 1110.1430(C) (2), Misdistribution**

The establishment of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will not result in an unnecessary duplication of services or a service misdistribution. A misdistribution exists when an identified area has an excess supply of facilities, stations, and services characterized by such factors as, but not limited to: (1) ratio of stations to population exceeds one and one-half times the state average; (2) historical utilization for existing facilities and services is below the State Boards utilization standard; or (3) insufficient population to provide the volume of caseload necessary to utilize the services proposed by the project at or above utilization standards. As discussed more extensively below, the ratio of stations to population in the geographic area is above of the state average, and the average utilization of existing facilities within the geographic service area is more than 80%. Notably, average utilization of facilities within 30 minutes of the proposed site is about 70%. Sufficient population exists to achieve target utilization in the future.

Accordingly, the proposed dialysis facility will not result in a misdistribution of services.

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## **Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

### **Criterion 1110.1430(C) (3), Impact of project on other Area Providers**

The proposed dialysis facility will not have an adverse impact on existing facilities in the proposed geographic service area. All of the identified patients will be referrals from identified physicians and are on pre-ESRD list. No patients will be transferred from other existing dialysis facilities.

The proposed dialysis facility will not lower utilization of other area providers that are operating below the target utilization standard.

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**  
**In-Center Hemodialysis**  
**Criterion 1110.1430(e) Staffing**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be staffed in accordance with all state and Medicare staffing guidelines and requirements.

A. Medical Director:

Dr. Suresh Samson will serve as the Medical Director for Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights. Attached is his curriculum vitae.

B. All other personnel

Upon opening, the facility will hire a Clinic Manager who is a Registered Nurse (RN), this nurse will have at least a minimum of twelve months experience in a hemodialysis center. Additionally, we will hire one Patient Care Technician (PCT). After we have more than one patient, we will hire another RN and another PCT. All personnel will undergo an orientation process, led by the Medical Director and experienced members of the nursing staff prior to participating in any patient care activities.

Upon opening we will also employ:

- Part-Time Registered Dietician
- Part-Time Registered Master Level Social Worker (MSW)
- Part-Time Equipment Technician
- Part-Time Secretary

These positions will go full time as the clinic census increases. Additionally, the patient Care staff will increase to the following:

- One Clinic Manager –Registered Nurse
- Four Registered Nurses
- Ten Patient Care Technicians

Staffing  
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All patient care staff and licensed / registered professionals will meet the State of Illinois requirements. Any additional staff hired must also meet these requirements along with completing an orientation training program.

Annually all clinical staff must complete OSHA training, Compliance training, CPR certification, Skills competency, CVC competency, Water quality training and pass the competency exam.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will maintain at least a 4 to 1 patient-staff ratio at all times on the treatment floor. An RN will be at the facility at all times when the facility is operational.

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**SURESH SAMSON, M.D.**  
**3322 Vollmer Road, Suite B**  
**Olympia Fields, IL 60461**  
**708-898-0811**

**EDUCATION:**

7/11-6/13            Medical College of Wisconsin  
Fellowship – Nephrology

7/08-6/11            Yale University Bridgeport Hospital  
Residency – Internal Medicine

6/04-6/08            National Health System, United Kingdom  
Residency – Internal Medicine

6/96-5/02            Thanjavur Medical College – India  
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery

**WORK HISTORY:**

7/13-Present        Kidney Care Center Olympia Fields – Olympia Fields, IL  
Nephrologist

                          Concerto  
                          Medical Director

                          Glenshire  
                          Medical Director

**BOARD CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:**

Specialist in Hypertension	June 2012
American Board of Internal Medicine	August 2011
American Board of Nephrology	November 2013
Wisconsin State Medical License	July 2011-October 2015
Illinois State Medical License	February 2013-Present

**AWARDS, HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS:**

The Pasquale Perillie Award for Outstanding Leadership and Scholarship, Yale University  
Bridgeport Hospital 2011

Member of American Society of Nephrology

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**AWARDS, HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: (continued)**

Associate, American College of Physicians  
Member of American Society of Hypertension  
Member of General Medicine Council – United Kingdom

**RESEARCH:**

1. Evaluating the difference in urinary macromolecules and urinary net charge between Calcium Oxalate stone formers and non-stone formers
2. Evaluation of osmoregulation in stone formers and non-stone formers

**PREVIOUS TRAINING:**

2/08-6/08 Senior House Officer in Medicine  
University Hospital Lewisham, National Health Service (NHS), United Kingdom

8/07-1/08 Senior House Officer in Medicine  
Furness General Hospital, National Health Service (NHS), United Kingdom

2/7-7/07 Senior House Officer in Nephrology  
New Cross Hospital, National Health Service (NHS), United Kingdom

8/06-1/07 Senior House Officer in Medicine  
Bedford General Hospital, National Health Service (NHS), United Kingdom

8/05-7/06 Foundation Year 2  
Welsall Hospitals, National Health Services (NHS), United Kingdom

7/04-7/05 House Officer in Medicine  
Furness General Hospital, National Health Service (NHS), United Kingdom

6/02-4/04 Resident Medical Officer  
GD Hospital, Mayavaram, Tamil Nadu, India

**GAP EXPLANATION:**

5/04-7/04 Preparing for the PLAB exam in UK

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**PUBLICATIONS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles/Abstracts

S. Samson. *Correct use of antihypertensive drugs according to the principles of clinical Pharmacology*. American J Cardiovascular Drugs. 2011 Aug 1;11(4):285

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#### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**

Suresh Samson M.D., Jay Krishnakarup MD, C. Gourineni MD, *Effect of low serum creatinine on Mortality/Morbidity in hospitalized Elderly Population- A retrospective study of 4000 patients*. Poster presented at NKF Spring Clinical Meeting, Florida. April 2010

Pei-Tsung Liu, Suresh Samson, *Placement of Dialysis catheter tip in the right atrium or SVC and incidence of arrhythmias? – a retrospective study of 200 acute dialysis patients*. Poster presented at AMA National Scientific Session; Houston, TX Nov. 2009

Suresh Samson, C. Rojas, Jorge FLorindez, C. Manthous. *International vs. American Graduates Basic Understanding of the ACGME Competencies*. Poster presented at ACP Regional conference; Southington, CT. Oct. 2009

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#### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

**Suresh Samson MD**, Spyros Chalkias MD, Sandeep Ravi MD A rare case of splenic rupture due to Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis – a case report. Poster presented at National ACP conference; Toronto, Canada. April 2010

**Suresh N Samson**, S. Ravi, S. Adigopula, C. Manthous. *RV Collapse secondary to cardiac tamponade presenting with Hypertensive crisis*. ACP Conference; Hartford, CT Nov 2008

**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(f) Support Services

Attached please find the letter consistent with Section 1110.1430f, attesting that Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will participate in a dialysis data system, will make health support services available to patients, and will provide training for self-care dialysis, self-care instructions, home and home-assisted dialysis, and home training.

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(f) Support Services

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I hereby certify under of perjury as provided in § 1-109 of the Illinois code of civil procedure, 735 ILCS 5/109 and pursuant to 77 III. Admin. Code § 1110-1430 (f) that Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will maintain an open medical staff.

I also certify the following with regards to need support services:

- Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will utilize a dialysis electronic patient data tracking system
- Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will have available all needed support services required by CMS which may consist of nutritional counseling, clinical laboratory services, blood bank, rehabilitation, psychiatric services, and social services;
- Patients will have access to training for self-care dialysis, self-care instruction, and home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis

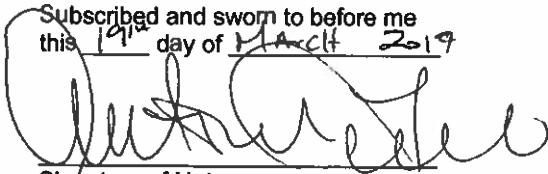
Sincerely,



Asim M Shazzad  
Chief Operating Officer

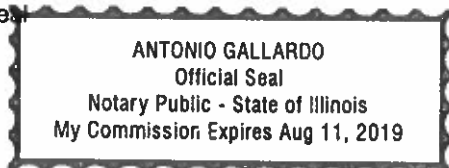
Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019



Signature of Notary

Seal



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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(g) Minimum Number of stations

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will provide 14 ESRD stations, as identified in section 1110-1430g as the minimum number of eight dialysis stations to be provided at an ESRD facility to be located in a metropolitan statistical area ("MSA"). Accordingly, this criterion is met.



**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430 (h) Continuity of Care

A copy of an agreement sent for execution, via email on March 19, 2019, written affiliation agreement with a hospital for the provision of in-patient care and other hospital services follows this page. Will send a copy of the fully executed agreement once signed by both parties to the HFSRB.

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**TRANSFER AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
Advocate South Suburban Hospital AND  
AND  
Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, between ADVOCATE SOUTH SUBURBAN HOSPITAL, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "ADVOCATE ", and Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, an Illinois dialysis center hereinafter referred to as "DIALYSIS CENTER".

WHEREAS, ADVOCATE is licensed under Illinois law as an acute care Hospital;

WHEREAS, DIALYSIS CENTER is licensed under Illinois law as an acute care dialysis center;

WHEREAS, ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER desire to cooperate in the transfer of patients between ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER, when and if such transfer may, from time to time be deemed necessary and requested by the respective patient's physician, to facilitate appropriate patient care;

WHEREAS, the parties mutually desire to enter into an affiliation agreement to provide for the medically appropriate transfer or referral of patients between DIALYSIS CENTER and ADVOCATE, for the benefit of the community and in compliance with HHS regulations; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to provide a full statement of their agreement in connection with the services to be provided hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the mutual covenants, obligations and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

**I. TERM**

1.1 This Agreement shall be effective from the date it is entered into, and shall remain in full force and effect for an initial term of one (1) year. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be automatically extended for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated as hereinafter set forth. All the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect during the extension period(s).

**II. TERMINATION**

2.1 Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Additionally, this Agreement shall automatically terminate should either party fail to maintain the licensure or certification necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

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III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

3.1 DIALYSIS CENTER agrees:

- a. That DIALYSIS CENTER shall refer and transfer patients to ADVOCATE for medical treatment only when such transfer and referral has been determined to be medically appropriate by the patient's attending physician or, in the case of an emergency, the Medical Director for DIALYSIS CENTER, hereinafter referred to as the "Transferring Physician";
- b. That the Transferring Physician shall contact ADVOCATE ' Emergency Department Nursing Coordinator, prior to transport, to verify the transport and acceptance of the emergency patient by ADVOCATE. The decision to accept the transfer of the emergency patient shall be made by ADVOCATE'S Emergency Department physician, hereinafter referred to as the "Emergency Physician", based on consultation with the member of ADVOCATE'S Medical Staff who will serve as the accepting attending physician, hereinafter referred to as the "Accepting Physician". In the case of the non-emergency patient, the Medical Staff attending physician will act as the Accepting Physician and must indicate acceptance of the patient. DIALYSIS CENTER agrees that ADVOCATE shall have the sole discretion to accept the transfer of patients pursuant to this Agreement subject to the availability of equipment and personnel at ADVOCATE. The Transferring Physician shall report all patient medical information which is necessary and pertinent for transport and acceptance of the patient by ADVOCATE to the Emergency Physician and Accepting Physician;
- c. That DIALYSIS CENTER shall be responsible for effecting the transfer of all patients referred to ADVOCATE under the terms of this Agreement, including arranging for appropriate transportation, financial responsibility for the transfer in the event the patient fails or is unable to pay, and care for the patient during the transfer. The Transferring Physician shall determine the appropriate level of patient care during transport in consultation with the Emergency Physician and the Accepting Physician;
- d. That pre-transfer treatment guidelines, if any, will be augmented by orders obtained from the Emergency Physician and/or Accepting Physician;
- e. That, prior to patient transfer, the Transferring Physician is responsible for insuring that written, informed consent to transfer is obtained from the patient, the parent or legal guardian of a minor patient, or from the legal guardian or next-of-kin of a patient who is determined by the Transferring Physician to be unable to give informed consent to transfer;
- f. To inform its patient of their responsibility to pay for all inpatient and outpatient services provided by ADVOCATE; and
- g. To maintain and provide proof to ADVOCATE of professional and public liability insurance coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence or claim made with respect to the actions of its employees and agents connected with or arising out of services provided under this Agreement.

3.2 ADVOCATE agrees:

- a. To accept and admit in a timely manner, subject to bed availability, DIALYSIS CENTER patients referred for medical treatment, as more fully described in Section 3.1, Subparagraphs a through g;
- b. To accept patients from Dialysis Center in need of inpatient hospital care, when such transfer and referral has been determined to be medically appropriate by the patient's attending physician and/or emergency physician at Dialysis Center;

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c. That ADVOCATE will seek to facilitate referral of transfer patients to specific Accepting Physicians when this is requested by Transferring Physicians and/or transfer patients;

d. That ADVOCATE shall provide DIALYSIS CENTER patients with medically appropriate and available treatment provided that Accepting Physician and/or Emergency Physician writes appropriate orders for such services; and

e. To maintain and provide proof to DIALYSIS CENTER of professional and public liability insurance coverage in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence or claim made with respect to the actions of its employees and agents connected with or arising out of services provided under this Agreement.

#### IV. GENERAL COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Release of Medical Information. In all cases of patients transferred for the purpose of receiving medical treatment under the terms of this Agreement, DIALYSIS CENTER shall insure that copies of the patient's medical records, including X-rays and reports of all diagnostic tests, accompany the patient to ADVOCATE, subject to the provisions of applicable State and Federal laws governing the confidentiality of such information. Information to be exchanged shall include any completed transfer and referral forms mutually agreed upon for the purpose of providing the medical and administrative information necessary to determine the appropriateness of treatment or placement, and to enable continuing care to be provided to the patient. The medical records in the care and custody of ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER shall remain the property of each respective institution.

4.2 Personal Effects. DIALYSIS CENTER shall be responsible for the security, accountability and appropriate disposition of the personal effects of patients prior to and during transfer to ADVOCATE. ADVOCATE shall be responsible for the security, accountability and appropriate disposition of the personal effects of transferred patients upon arrival of the patient at ADVOCATE.

4.3 Indemnification. The parties agree to indemnify and hold each other harmless from any liability, claim, demand, judgment and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or in connection with the intentional or negligent acts of their respective employees and/or agents.

4.4 Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute or be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, employment, or agency relationship between the parties and/or their respective successors and assigns, it being mutually understood and agreed that the parties shall provide the services and fulfill the obligations hereunder as independent contractors. Further, it is mutually understood and agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall in any way affect the independent operation of either ADVOCATE or DIALYSIS CENTER. The governing body of ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER shall have exclusive control of the management, assets, and affairs at their respective institutions. No party by virtue of this Agreement shall assume any liability for any debts or obligations of a financial or legal nature incurred by the other, and neither institution shall look to the other to pay for service rendered to a patient transferred by virtue of this Agreement.

4.5 Publicity and Advertising. Neither the name of ADVOCATE nor DIALYSIS CENTER shall be used for any form of publicity or advertising by the other without the express written consent of the other.

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4.6 Cooperative Efforts. The parties agree to devote their best efforts to promoting cooperation and effective communication between the parties in the performance of services hereunder, to foster the prompt and effective evaluation, treatment and continuing care of recipients of these services. Parties shall each designate a representative who shall meet as often as necessary to discuss quality improvement measures related to patient stabilization and/or treatment prior to and subsequent to transfer and patient outcome. The parties agree to reasonably cooperate with each other to oversee performance improvement and patient safety applicable to the activities under this Agreement to the extent permissible under applicable laws. All information obtained and any materials prepared pursuant to this section and used in the course of internal quality control or for the purpose of reducing morbidity and mortality, or for improving patient care, shall be privileged and strictly confidential for use in the evaluation and improvement of patient, as may be amended from time to time.

4.7 Nondiscrimination. The parties agree to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all requirements imposed by regulations issued pursuant to that title, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and all related regulations, to ensure that neither party shall discriminate against any recipient of services hereunder on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age or handicap, under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

4.8 Affiliation. Each party shall retain the right to affiliate or contract under similar agreements with other institutions while this Agreement is in effect.

4.9 Applicable Laws. The parties agree to fully comply with applicable federal, and state laws and regulations affecting the provision of services under the terms of this Agreement.

4.10 Governing Law. All questions concerning the validity or construction of this Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of Illinois.

4.11 Writing Constitutes Full Agreement. This Agreement embodies the complete and full understanding of ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER with respect to the services to be provided hereunder. There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto. Neither this Agreement nor any rights hereunder may be assigned by either party without the written consent of the other party.

4.12 Written Modification. There shall be no modification of this Agreement, except in writing and exercised with the same formalities of this Agreement.

4.13 Severability. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal by the courts or in conflict with any law of the state where made, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular part, term, or provision held to be invalid.

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4.14 Notices. All notices required to be served by provisions of this Agreement may be served on any of the parties hereto personally or may be served by sending a letter duly addressed by registered or certified mail. Notices to be served on ADVOCATE shall be served at or mailed to: ADVOCATE SOUTH SUBURBAN HOSPITAL, 17800 Kedzie Ave, Chicago Heights, IL 60429, Attention: Chief Medical Officer or President, \_\_\_\_\_ unless otherwise instructed. Notices to be served on DIALYSIS CENTER shall be served at or mailed to: 15786 S Bell Rd., Homer Glen, IL 60491 Attn: Asim Shazzad.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by ADVOCATE and DIALYSIS CENTER on the date first above written.

**ADVOCATE SOUTH SUBURBAN HOSPITAL**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS**

BY:   
NAME: Asim Shazzad  
TITLE: COO

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**  
In-Center Hemodialysis  
Criterion 1110.1430 (i) Relocation of facilities

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights is proposing the establishment of a 14-station dialysis facility. Thus, the criterion is not applicable.

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**  
In-Center Hemodialysis  
Criterion 1110.1430(j) Assurances

Attached please the attached letter consistent with Section 1110.1430 j, attesting that Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will achieve target utilization by the second year of operation and will also expect to meet, if not exceed the hemodialysis outcome measures.

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**Section VII. Service Specific Review Criteria**

In-Center Hemodialysis

Criterion 1110.1430(j) Assurances

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

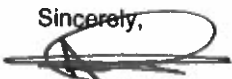
Pursuant to 77 III. Admin. Code § 1110.1430 (j), I hereby certify the following:

- By the second year after project completion, Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights expects to achieve and maintain 80% target utilization
- Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights also expects hemodialysis outcome measures will be achieved and maintained at the following minimums:

≥85% of hemodialysis patient population achieves urea reduction ratio (URR) ≥ 65% and

≥85% of hemodialysis patient population achieves Kt/V Daurgirdas II .1.2

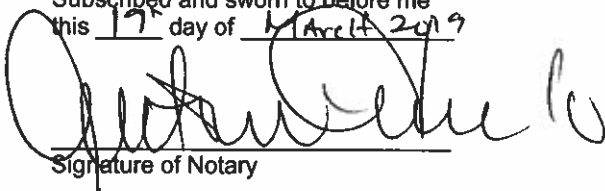
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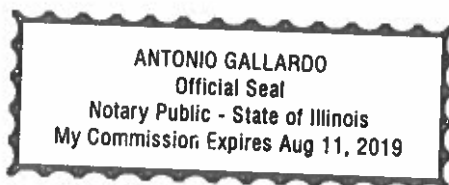
Asim M Shazzad  
Chief Operating Officer

Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019



Signature of Notary



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Address 1</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>	<b>Information</b>
Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411	Vollmer Rd	Chicago Heights	IL	60411	

ESRD Name	ESRD Address	City	County	Zip Code	Stations
Fresenius Kidney Care Chicago Heights	15 E. Independence Drive	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	12
Chicago Heights Davita	177 W. Joe Orr Road	Chicago Heights	Cook	60411	16
DaVita Country Hills Dialysis	4215 W. 167th Street	Country Club Hills	Cook	60478	24
Community Dialysis of Harvey	16641 S. Halsted St.	Harvey	Cook	60426	18
Dialysis Care Center Hazel Crest	18325 Pulaski Avenue	Hazel Crest	Cook	60422	12
Davita Hazel Crest	3470 W. 183rd Street	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	20
Fresenius Kidney Care Hazel Crest	17524 E. Carriageway Drive	Hazel Crest	Cook	60429	16
DaVita Olympia Fields Dialysis Center	4557 West Lincoln Highway	Matteson	Cook	60443	24
Dialysis Care Center of Olympia Fields	3222 Vollmer Road	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	11
Fresenius Kidney Care South Suburban	2609 Lincoln Hwy	Olympia Fields	Cook	60461	27
South Holland Renal Center	16110 LaSalle Street	South Holland	Cook	60473	24
Fresenius Kidney Care South Holland	17225 S. Paxton	South Holland	Cook	60473	24
Fresenius Kidney Care Steger	219 E. 34th Street	Steger	Cook	60475	18

**Section VIII. Financial and economic Feasibility**  
**Criterion 1110.120 Availability of funds**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded entirely with cash and cash equivalents, and a lease with Meridian Investment Partners, LLC.

An attestation letter is attached with a copy of the LOI and a draft lease property as Attachment 34.

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**Section VIII. Financial and economic Feasibility**  
**Criterion 1110.120 Availability of funds**

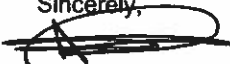
Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

I hereby certify the following:

- Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded through cash and cash equivalents, a lease, and no debt financing to be used
- Dialysis Care Center maintains sufficient cash and short term securities to fund this project; and
- The expenses to be incurred through the lease of space and selected equipment are less than those associated with the construction of a new facility or the purchase of equipment.

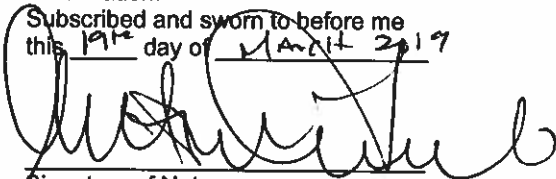
Sincerely,



Asim M Shazzad  
Chief Operating Officer

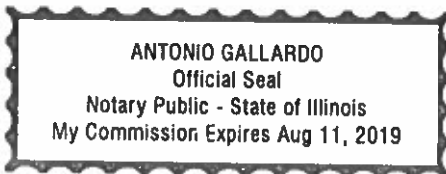
Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH 2019



Signature of Notary

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March, 12, 2019

Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
333 N Michigan Ave,  
Suite 1850  
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

On Behalf of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC, we have been authorized to submit for review the following letter of intent outlining the general terms and conditions in which to Lease the premises:

**Landlord:** Meridian Investment Partner, LLC

**Tenant:** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC

**Premises:** Approximately 7,300 rentable square feet located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

**Use:** The Premises shall be used for the operation of a dialysis facility and related medical/administrative offices. Tenant may operate on the premises, at tenant's option, on a seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day basis, subject to zoning and other regulatory requirements.

**Primary Lease Term:** An initial lease term of Five (5) years, five (5) months from rent commencement.

**Possession Date:** September 1, 2019 or sooner (Upon CON awarded by the Illinois State Board per the August 8, 2019 application date, see attached schedule).

**CON Contingency:** Lease is contingent upon tenant receiving a CON (Certificate of Need) awarded by the State of Illinois per the application date of August 8, 2019, per the attached State of Illinois schedule.

**Base Rental Rate:** \$15.00 psf NNN

**Rent Commencement Date:** Tenant shall have ninety (90) days from possession to complete the tenant improvements, rent to commence thereafter.

**Escalation:** 10% increases compounded after 5 years.

**Option Periods:** Two (2), five (5) year options to renew. Tenant shall provide to Landlord a ninety (90) day prior written notice of its desire to exercise each option.

**CAM:** Tenant shall be responsible for their proportionate share of CAM.

**RE Taxes:** Tenant shall be responsible for their proportionate share of real estate taxes

**Landlord's Work:** Landlord shall warranty that the roof and mechanicals are in good working order and shall maintain them throughout the term of the lease. Landlord shall make the necessary building repairs which shall consist of repair of all

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parking lot and sidewalk improvements (which shall include repair/patch all potholes, sealcoat and stripe). All work shall be performed prior to rent commencement. Landlord shall offer a gross rent abatement of five (5) months in lieu of TI allowance to commence after the ninety (90) day build-out period.

**Concessions:**

As described above, an additional free rent period of two (2) months shall commence after the ninety (90) day TI allowance period.

**Demised Premises  
Shell and Site:**

Landlord shall deliver the Premises as is, except for its commitment to perform (or provide) Landlord Work.

**Contractor for Tenant  
Improvements:**

Tenant will hire a contractor and/or subcontractors of their choosing to complete their tenant improvements utilizing the tenant allowance. Tenant shall be responsible for the implementation and management of the tenant improvement construction and will not be responsible to pay for Landlord's project manager, if any.

**HVAC:**

Equipment as-is. Landlord to maintain pursuant to its Landlord maintenance, described below.

**Deliveries:**

Tenant requires delivery access to the Premises 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

**Emergency Generator:**

Tenant shall have the right, at its cost, to install an emergency generator to service the Premises in a location to be mutually agreed upon between the parties.

**Space Planning/Architectural  
And Mechanical Drawings:**

Tenant will provide all space planning and architectural and mechanical drawings required to build out and demolish existing improvement not needed, the tenant improvements, including construction drawings stamped by a licensed architect and submitted for approvals and permits. All building permits shall be the Tenant's responsibility.

**Utilities:**

Separately metered. Tenant shall be responsible for their electric, gas, Telephone/Internet.

**Signage:**

Tenant may install signs, at Tenant's expense, in and on the Premises to the maximum extent permitted by local law. Landlord will have the right to approve signage. Landlord's approval will not be unreasonably withheld. Landlord will grant Tenant signage space on any monument due the Premises.

**Parking:**

Landlord shall grant Tenant five (5) designated parking spaces plus one (1) ambulance space in addition to the designated handicap spaces

**Building Codes:**

Tenant has or will, perform its own building code analysis and acknowledges the demised premises will be delivered by the Landlord as described herein, without any repos or warranties regarding current or future codes.

**Assignment/  
Subletting:**

Tenant requires the right to assign or sublet all or a portion of the demised premises to any subsidiary or affiliate without Landlord's consent, provided guarantor remains fully liable under its guaranty. Any other assignment or subletting will be subject to Landlord's prior consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.



**Landlord Maintenance:**

Landlord shall, without expense to Tenant, maintain and make all necessary repairs to the structural portions of the Building to keep the building structurally sound including, without limitation: foundations, structure, load bearing walls, exterior walls, roof supports, columns, retaining walls, footings as well as water mains, gas and sewer lines serving the Premises. Landlord shall warranty HVAC for the first 18 months of lease term.

With respect to the parking and other exterior areas of the Premises and subject to reasonable reimbursement by Tenant, Landlord shall perform the following, pursuant to good and accepted business practices and reasonable management and administrative fees throughout the term: repainting or routine touch-painting the exterior surfaces of the building when necessary; repairing, resurfacing, repaving, re-striping, and resealing of the parking areas; repairing and maintaining the roof (other than its structure, which is Landlord's responsibility); repair of all curbing, sidewalks and directional markers; removal of snow and ice; landscaping; and provision of adequate lighting during all hours of darkness that Tenant shall be open for business.

Tenant shall maintain and keep the interior of the Premises, including all windows and doors, in good repair, free of refuse and rubbish. Tenant shall return the same at the expiration or termination of the Lease in as good condition as received by Tenant, ordinary wear and tear, and damage or destruction by fire, flood, storm, civil commotion or other unavoidable causes expected. Tenant shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of all equipment serving the Premises.

**Surrender:**

At any time prior to the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, Tenant may remove any or all the alterations, additions or installations installed by or on behalf of Tenant, in such a manner as will not substantially injure the Premises. Tenant agrees to restore the portion of the Premises affected by Tenant's removal of such alterations, additions or installations to the same condition as existed prior to the making of such alterations, additions, or installations. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, Tenant shall turn over the Premises to Landlord in good condition, ordinary wear and tear, damage or destruction by fire, flood, storm, civil commotion or other unavoidable cause excepted. All alterations, additions, or installations not so removed by Tenant shall become the property of Landlord without liability on Landlord's part to pay for the same.

**Zoning and Restrictive Covenants:**

Landlord confirms that the current property zoning is acceptable for the proposed use as an outpatient kidney dialysis clinic. There are no restrictive covenants imposed by the development, owner, and/or municipality that would in any way limit or restrict the operation of Tenant's dialysis clinic.

**Flood Plain:**

Landlord confirms that the property and premises is not in a Flood Plain or in a flood zone.

**Financing:**

Landlord will use its best efforts to cause its lender to provide a non-disturbance agreement.

**Exclusivity:**

Landlord will not, during the term of the Lease and any option terms, lease space in a 5 mile radius to any other provider of hemodialysis services.

**Environmental:**

A Phase One Environmental Study may be conducted.

**Lease Execution:**

Both parties agree that they will make best efforts to reach a fully executed lease document within thirty days of the execution of this letter of intent.

**Security Deposit:**

equal to one (1) month's gross rent payable upon full lease execution.

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Membership**  
1550 Finchester Road



• Elk Grove Village, IL 60120-6457



• (847) 207-7300



• FAX (847) 400-0062

**Confidential:** The material contained herein is confidential. It is intended for use of the Landlord and Tenant solely in determining whether they desire to enter into a Lease, and it is not to be copied or discussed with any other person.

**Agency:** Arthur J. Rogers & Co. represents the Tenant. Landlord shall be responsible to pay all brokerage fees per separate agreement.

**Disclaimer:** This proposal is submitted subject to errors, omissions, and changes in information, modification, and withdrawal, with or without notice.

This proposal is not intended as, and does not constitute, a binding agreement by any party, nor an agreement by any party to enter into a binding agreement, but is merely intended to specify some of the proposed terms and conditions of the transaction contemplated herein. Neither party may claim any legal rights against the other by reason of the signing of this letter or by taking any action in reliance thereon. Each party hereto fully understands that no party shall have any legal obligations to the other, or with respect to the proposed transaction have been negotiated, agreed to by all parties and set forth in a fully executed lease. The only legal obligations, which any party shall have, shall be those contained in such signed and delivered definitive agreement referred to above.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein, this letter shall not constitute an agreement to negotiate and solely constitutes an outline of certain key terms. Landlord and Tenant each acknowledge and agree that each party is proceeding with negotiations relating to the proposed Lease at its sole cost and expense and that either party may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason without any liability or obligation whatsoever.

Salman, we look forward to working with you towards successfully completing this proposed Lease transaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arthur J. Rogers & Co.



Carole Caveney  
Vice President-Commercial Properties

**AGREED AND ACCEPTED:**

THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2019.

TENANT:  
By: [Signature]  
Its: CEO

LANDLORD:  
By: [Signature]  
Its: [Signature]

**STANDARD OFFICE LEASE**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
an Illinois limited liability company,**

**(as “LANDLORD”)**

**AND**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC,  
an Illinois limited liability company,**

**(as “TENANT”)**

**PROPERTY:**

**222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL, 60411-1664**

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**OFFICE LEASE**

This Office Lease (the “Lease”) is made and entered into as of the last date set forth on the Signature Page after the parties’ signatures (the “Commencement Date”), and is between **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (“Landlord”) and the Tenant named below.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**BASIC LEASE PROVISIONS**

The provisions of this Article 1 (“Basic Lease Provisions”) are intended to be in outline form and are addressed in detail in other Articles of this Lease. In the event of any disagreement, the most restrictive Article shall prevail.

**Tenant** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC,  
an Illinois limited liability company

**Tenant’s Notice Address** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC  
c/o Asim Shazzad  
15786 South Bell Road  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

with a copy to:  
Azam Chandran & Gilani, LLP  
Attention: Salman Azam, Esq.  
333 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1815  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Azam@ACGLawFirm.com

**Tenant’s Billing Address** Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC  
15786 South Bell Road  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

**Landlord’s Notice Address** Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
812 Campus Dr  
Joliet, IL, 60435

with a copy to:  
Goldstine, Skrodzki, Russian,  
Nemec and Hoff, Ltd.  
Attention: William M. Brennan  
835 McClintock Drive, Second Floor  
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527  
WMB@GSRNH.com

**Landlord’s Rent Payment Address** Meridian Investment Partners, LLC  
812 Campus Dr  
Joliet, IL, 60435

**Guarantor** Dialysis Care Center Holdings LLC

<b>Property</b>	222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL (the “ <b>Building</b> ”), together with the appurtenances thereto described below. After completion of Tenant’s improvements, the Property will contain approximately 7,280 square feet of useable space.				
<b>Tenant’s Share</b>	100.0%				
<b>Initial Term</b>	Ten (10) years, beginning on the Rent Commencement Date				
<b>Option Term(s)</b>	Two (2) five (5) year option periods				
<b>Possession Date</b>	Upon completion of Landlord’s Work described in Article 6.5 and <u>Exhibit C</u> , currently estimated to be October 1, 2020.				
<b>Rent Commencement Date</b>	The earlier of (i) Tenant opening for business, and (ii) ninety (90) days following the Possession Date, estimated to be January 1, 2020.				
<b>Expiration Date</b>	Ten (10) years from the Rent Commencement Date (currently anticipated to be approximately December 31, 2029).				
<b>Base Rent</b>	Base Rent shall be payable in accordance with the following Base Rent Schedule, subject to the provisions of <u>Article 4</u> hereof:				
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<u>Initial Term</u>					
Year 1-5	\$ 15.00				
<b>Security Deposit</b>	None.				
<b>Additional Rent</b>	All taxes, insurance, utilities, and operating expenses of the Building and the Property, except as set forth in Article 4. During the first year of the Initial Term Additional Rent estimated to be \$8.00/SF for taxes, \$.50/SF for insurance, and \$3.00 for other operating expenses. Controllable costs not to increase by more than of 5% per year during the Initial Term (see Section 4.2(d) for “controllable Operating Expenses”).				
<b>Permitted Uses</b>	Medical office use for an outpatient medical dialysis clinic.				
<b>Brokers</b>	<u>For Tenant</u> : None.				

For Landlord: None.

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**ARTICLE 2**  
**LEASED PROPERTY**

**2.1 Leased Property.** Subject to the terms, covenants and conditions set forth in this Lease, Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Landlord the Property specified in Article 1 (the Basic Lease Provisions). The term “**Property**” shall include the parking surfaces used in connection with the building located on the Property (the “**Building**”), all areas and facilities outside the Building and within the exterior boundary line of the Property that are provided and designated by Landlord from time to time for the general use of Tenant and its employees, suppliers, shippers, patients, and invitees, including, but not limited to, entrances, lobbies, corridors, stairways and stairwells, restrooms, elevators, escalators, loading and unloading areas, trash areas, roadways, sidewalks, walkways, parkways, ramps, driveways, signage, and landscaped areas, if any.

**2.2 Vehicle Parking.** Tenant, its employees, patients, and invitees shall have access to the parking areas of the Property on a first come-first served basis at no additional cost to Tenant but subject to the Rules and Regulations attached hereto as part of Exhibit A (“**Rules and Regulations**”). Landlord reserves the right in its discretion from time to time: (i) to reconfigure the parking area and ingress to and egress from the parking area, and (ii) to modify the directional flow of traffic in the parking area, and (iii) to reasonably modify the Rules and Regulations relating to parking.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**TERM**

**3.1 Term.** The term of this Lease (the “**Initial Term**”) and the Commencement Date shall be as specified in Article 1. All of Tenant’s obligations under this Lease shall be legally binding as of the Commencement Date.

**3.2 Possession.** Landlord agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver possession of the Property by the estimated Possession Date set forth in Article 1. If for any reason Landlord cannot tender possession of the Property to Tenant on the estimated Possession Date then the validity of this Lease and the obligations of Tenant under this Lease shall not be affected and Landlord shall not be subject to any liability therefor. Possession of the Property shall be deemed tendered to Tenant when: (a) the improvements to be provided by Landlord under Exhibit C to this Lease (the “**Landlord’s Work**”) are substantially completed, (b) the Building utilities are ready for use in the Property, and (c) Tenant has reasonable access to the Property.

**3.2 Early Possession.** If Tenant occupies the Property prior to the Possession Date with Landlord’s prior consent, such occupancy shall be subject to all provisions of this Lease except for the payment of Base Rent, and such occupancy shall not change the Expiration Date.

**3.3 Notice of Rent Commencement Date.** Promptly following the Possession Date, Landlord may, at its election, deliver to Tenant the Commencement Date Agreement (substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B) identifying the Possession Date, the Rent Commencement Date, and the Expiration Date, a copy of which agreement shall be executed by Tenant and returned to Landlord.

**3.4 Option to Renew.** Provided that: (a) Tenant is not then in default hereunder beyond any applicable notice, cure or grace period; and (b) Landlord receives written notice from the Tenant not less than seven (7) months and not more than ten (10) months prior to the expiration of the Initial Term (or Option Term,

as applicable) of Tenant's intention to extend the Term of the Lease; and (c) so long as Tenant (or such other party as is permitted or approved hereunder) is in occupation of and conducting its business in the Property in accordance with the terms of this Lease, then Landlord will grant to Tenant the right to extend the term of the Lease upon the expiration of the Initial Term for two (2) consecutive option terms of sixty (60) months each (each, an "Option Term" and collectively, the "Option Terms"). If Landlord does not timely receive notice for extending the Term, then this Section shall be null and void and of no further force or effect. Hereinafter, "Term" shall mean the Initial Term and any extension thereof, including the Option Terms, if exercised.

If Tenant timely exercises its option to extend the Term for the first or second Option Terms, then Base Rent during each of the Option Terms shall be as described in Article 1.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **RENT**

**4.1 Base Rent.** Beginning on the Rent Commencement Date as set forth in Article 1, and on the first day of each calendar month during the Term, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Base Rent set forth in Article 1, without notice, offset or deduction. Base Rent for any period during the Term which is for less than one month shall be prorated on the basis of a 30-day month. Base Rent shall be payable in lawful money of the United States to Landlord at the address stated herein or to such other persons or at such other places as Landlord may designate in writing.

**4.2 Additional Rent.** Landlord and Tenant agree that this Lease is intended as a triple-net lease, and that Tenant shall pay to Landlord all charges and other amounts required under this Lease as additional rent ("**Additional Rent**"). Tenant's obligations to pay Additional Rent shall commence on the Possession Date. Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be collectively referred to herein as "**Rent.**" Additional Rent shall include, but not be limited to Tenant's Share of all Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes (as defined in Article 10), in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) "**Tenant's Share**" is the percentage set forth in Article 1.
- (b) "**Operating Expenses**" is defined, for purposes of this Lease, to include all costs and expenses paid or incurred by Landlord in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, for:
  - (1) The operation, management, repair, maintenance, and replacement, in neat, clean, safe, good order and condition, of the Property, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (i) Carpets, drapes, blinds and window coverings, parking areas, loading and unloading areas, trash areas, roadways, sidewalks, walkways, stairways, parkways, driveways, landscaped areas, striping, bumpers, irrigation systems, lighting facilities, building exteriors and roofs, fences and gates;
    - (ii) All heating, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical systems, life safety equipment, elevators and escalators, signage and tenant directories, fire detection systems, including sprinkler system maintenance and repair;
    - (iii) General maintenance, trash disposal, janitorial and security services;
    - (iv) All costs and expenses in connection with providing utilities under Article 11;
    - (v) Any other service to be provided by Landlord that is elsewhere in this Lease stated to be an "**Operating Expense;**"

- (2) The cost of the premiums for the liability and property insurance policies to be maintained by Landlord under Article 8;
- (3) The amount of the real property taxes to be paid by Landlord under Section 10.1 including any fees paid by Landlord to contest or appeal the tax assessment for purposes of lowering such assessment;
- (4) The cost of water, sewer, gas, electricity, and other publicly mandated services to the Property;
- (5) Reasonable management fees, administrative fees, and asset manager fees; and
- (6) All other reasonable and customary expenses incurred by landlords of similar properties in the management and operation of same.

(c) Operating Expenses shall not include the cost of capital improvements incurred in compliance with current or future laws; repairs to exterior portions of the Building such as the roof, walls, foundation, façade, plumbing and wiring to the point of entry to the Building; those operating expenses not attributable to Tenant; depreciation; interest; principal payments of mortgage and other non-operating debts of Landlord; the cost of repairs or other work to the extent Landlord is reimbursed by insurance or condemnation proceeds; costs in connection with leasing space in the Building, including brokerage commissions; lease concessions, including rental abatements and construction allowances, granted to specific tenants; costs incurred in connection with the sale, financing or refinancing of the Building; or any expenses for which Landlord has received actual reimbursement (other than through Operating Expenses). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Operating Expenses shall include the annual cost of capital improvements, amortized over their respective useful lives including but not limited to parking lot maintenance, repair and replacement.

(d) Landlord agrees that beginning in 2021 and continuing through the Initial Term, Tenant's Share of controllable Operating Expenses shall not increase by more than 5% over Tenant's Share of controllable Operating Expenses for the prior calendar year, on a noncumulative, non-compounding basis. For purposes of this Section, "controllable Operating Expenses" shall mean those portions of Operating Expenses over which Landlord has discretion and the ability to manage. Controllable Operating Expenses shall not include such items as Landlord does not control, such as the cost of insurance, Real Property Taxes, utilities, snow and ice removal, and similar expenses.

(e) With respect to any Operating Expenses not paid directly to third party service providers or other entities as set forth in (f), Landlord shall from time to time deliver to Tenant a written estimate of the Operating Expenses to be incurred for the calendar year. Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses shall be payable by Tenant monthly based on such estimate during each year of the Term, on the same day as the Base Rent is due hereunder. Landlord shall deliver to Tenant within a reasonable time after the expiration of each calendar year a reasonably detailed statement ("**Operating Expense Statement**") showing the actual amount of Tenant's Share of the Operating Expenses incurred during such year. If Landlord's estimate of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses exceeded the actual amount of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, Tenant shall be entitled to credit in the amount of such overpayment against the portion of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses next falling due, or, if this Lease has terminated, such excess shall be refunded to Tenant within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord to Tenant of the Operating Expense Statement. If Landlord's estimate of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses was less than the actual amount of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, Tenant shall pay to Landlord (whether or not this Lease has terminated) the amount of the deficiency within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord to Tenant of the Operating Expense Statement.

(f) At Landlord's direction, Tenant shall pay any Operating Expenses directly to the service provider or other instrumentality levying an Operating Expense, such as the Cook County Treasurer as to real

estate taxes, landscape contractors, and so forth. In each such instance, Tenant shall provide satisfactory evidence to Landlord of the payment of same.

**ARTICLE 5**  
[RESERVED]

**ARTICLE 6**  
**PROPERTY USE**

**6.1 Use.** The Property shall be used and occupied solely by Tenant and Tenant shall use the Property solely for the purpose set forth in Article 1, and for no other purpose, without the express written permission of Landlord. Tenant agrees that any variation from or expansion of the use specified herein shall constitute a material breach of this Lease.

**6.2** [RESERVED].

**6.3 Compliance with Law.** Tenant shall, at Tenant's expense, promptly comply with all Applicable Laws, all orders, rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Underwriters having jurisdiction over the Property or any other body exercising similar functions. As used herein, the term "**Applicable Laws**" means all applicable laws, codes, ordinances, orders, rules, regulations and requirements, of all federal, state, county, municipal and other governmental authorities and the departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, instrumentalities, and officers thereof relating to or affecting Tenant, the Property or the Building or the use, operation or occupancy of the Property, whether now existing or hereafter enacted. Tenant shall conduct its business in a lawful manner and shall not use or permit the use of the Property or the Common Areas in any manner that will tend to create waste or a nuisance or shall tend to disturb other occupants of the Property.

**6.4 Specially Designated National or Blocked Person.** Tenant certifies that it is not acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any person, group, entity or nation designated by any Executive Order or the United States Treasury Department as a terrorist, "Specially Designated National or Blocked Person," or other banned or blocked person, group, entity or nation pursuant to any Applicable Laws that are administered or enforced by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, nor is Tenant initiating, facilitating or engaging in this transaction, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any such person, group, entity or nation.

**6.5 Landlord's Work; Acceptance of Property.**

(a) **Landlord's Work.** Landlord shall tender possession and occupancy of the Property to Tenant on the Possession Date set forth in Article 1 with the Landlord's Work identified on **Exhibit C** substantially completed. Tenant acknowledges that the estimated Possession Date shall be extended day for day for each day of Permitted Delay as defined in the Work Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Except as otherwise provided in **Exhibit C**, Landlord shall have no other obligation for construction work or improvements to the Property. The improvements now or hereafter situated upon the Property, whether constructed by, for, or at the expense of either Landlord or Tenant, are and shall become a part of the Property and Tenant shall have only a leasehold interest therein.

(b) **Acceptance of Property.** By taking possession of the Property, Tenant agrees that the Property is in good order and satisfactory condition, and that there are no representations or warranties by Landlord regarding the condition of the Property or the Building except as set forth in **Exhibit C**. Tenant acknowledges that it made a thorough and independent examination of the Property and all matters relating to Tenant's decision to enter into this Lease. Tenant is thoroughly familiar with the Property and is satisfied that same is in an acceptable condition and meet Tenant's needs. Tenant accepts the Property in its "AS IS, WHERE IS" condition existing as of the Possession Date or the date that Tenant first takes possession of the Property, whichever is earlier, subject to all applicable zoning, municipal, county and state laws, ordinances

and regulations governing and regulating the use of the Property, and any easements, covenants or restrictions of record, and accepts this Lease subject thereto and to all matters disclosed thereby and by any exhibits attached hereto. Tenant acknowledges that the Property is in good order and repair and that it has satisfied itself by its own independent investigation that the Property is suitable for its intended use, and that neither Landlord nor Landlord's agent or agents has made any representation or warranty as to the present or future suitability of the Property for the conduct of Tenant's business.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS; ALTERATIONS**

**7.1 Landlord Obligations.** Except for damage caused by any act or omission of Tenant or Tenant's employees, agents, contractors or invitees, Landlord will keep the foundation, roof, façade, fire prevention systems, structural supports and exterior walls of the Building in good order, condition and repair. Landlord will not be obligated to maintain or repair HVAC systems, windows, doors or plate glass. Tenant will promptly report in writing to Landlord any defective condition known to it which Landlord is required to repair. Except to the extent caused solely by Tenant's negligence and not covered by any insurance carried by Landlord and not covered by any insurance required to be carried by Landlord hereunder (in which event Tenant shall be responsible), Landlord shall, at Landlord's cost and expense (subject to Landlord's right to recover the amortized cost of same as part of Operating Expenses as set forth elsewhere herein), repair or replace the utilities serving the Premises to the point of entry and other similar Building components with others of at least equal efficiency, quality and capacity if the cost of making any needed repairs would exceed fifty percent (50%) of the replacement cost of the item or system needing repair.

#### **7.2 Tenant's Obligations.**

(a) Except as to Landlord obligations set forth in 7.1 above, Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, perform all necessary or appropriate maintenance, repairs and replacements, in a first class, good and workmanlike manner, to the Building and to the Property so as to maintain same in first class condition and repair.

(b) Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, make any repairs to the Building and Property that may be required so as to tender the Property to Landlord at the Expiration Date in substantially the same condition as at the Rent Commencement Date, excepting normal wear and tear, condemnation and casualty other than that required to be insured against by Tenant hereunder, and free of all of Tenant's personal property and fixtures.

(c) Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall replace as necessary, make all repairs to, and provide for the routine and ordinary maintenance of, the heating, ventilating and cooling equipment ("HVAC"), electrical panels and fixtures, and plumbing systems.

(d) Tenant will maintain a service agreement with licensed HVAC technicians, and will be responsible for maintaining and servicing the HVAC throughout the Term and shall provide evidence thereof to landlord upon request.

#### **7.3 Alterations and Additions.**

(a) Tenant shall not make or permit any alterations, installations, improvements, additions, or repairs, structural or otherwise (collectively, "**Alterations**"), in, on or about the Property without Landlord's prior written consent, which Landlord may give or withhold in Landlord's reasonable discretion. As used herein, the term "**Alterations**" shall include, but not be limited to, carpeting, window and wall coverings, power panels, electrical distribution systems, lighting fixtures, air conditioning, plumbing, and telephone and telecommunication wiring and equipment. Along with any request for consent, Tenant will deliver to Landlord

plans and specifications for the Alterations and names and addresses of all prospective contractors for the Alterations. If Landlord approves the proposed Alterations, Tenant will, before commencing the Alterations, deliver to Landlord copies of all contracts, certificates of insurance, copies of all necessary permits and licenses and such other information relating to the Alterations as Landlord reasonably requests. Tenant will cause all approved Alterations to be constructed (i) in a good and workmanlike manner, (ii) in compliance with all Applicable Laws, (iii) in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and with any design guidelines established by Landlord, (iv) in accordance with all orders, rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Underwriters having jurisdiction over the Property or any other body exercising similar functions, and (v) during times reasonably determined by Landlord to minimize interference with other Tenants' use and enjoyment of the Property.

(b) Tenant shall pay the cost and expense of all Alterations, including, without limitation, a reasonable charge for Landlord's review, inspection and engineering time, and for any painting, restoring or repairing the Property or the Building that the Alterations occasion. Prior to commencing any Alterations, Tenant will deliver the following to Landlord in form and amount reasonably satisfactory to Landlord: (i) demolition (if applicable) and payment and performance bonds, (ii) builder's "all risk" insurance in an amount at least equal to the replacement value of the Alterations, and (iii) evidence that Tenant and each of Tenant's contractors have in force commercial general liability insurance insuring against construction related risks in at least the form, amounts and coverages required of Tenant under Article 8. The insurance policies described in clauses (ii) and (iii) must name Landlord, Landlord's lender and the Property Manager as additional insureds.

(c) Landlord may inspect construction of the Alterations. Immediately upon completion of any Alterations, Tenant will furnish Landlord with contractor affidavits and full and final lien waivers and receipted bills covering all labor and materials expended and used in connection with the Alterations. Tenant will remove any Alterations Tenant constructs in violation of this Section 7.3 within ten (10) days after Landlord's written request and in any event prior to the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. All Alterations Tenant makes or causes to be made to the Property shall become the property of Landlord and a part of the Building immediately upon installation and, unless Landlord requests Tenant to remove the Alterations, Tenant will surrender the Alterations to Landlord upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease at no cost to Landlord. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant shall remove all telephone, computer, security and other wiring and cabling located within the Property, including without limitation any located within the walls of the Property, on or before the Expiration Date or any earlier termination of this Lease.

(d) Tenant will keep the Property and the Property free from any mechanics', materialmens', or other liens arising out of any work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by or for Tenant. In the event that Tenant shall not, within ten (10) days following the imposition of any such lien, cause the lien to be released of record by payment or posting of a proper bond, Landlord shall have, in addition to all other remedies provided herein and by law, the right but not the obligation to cause any such lien to be released by such means as it shall deem proper, including payment of the claim giving rise to such lien. All such sums paid by Landlord and all expenses incurred by it in connection therewith (including, without limitation, reasonable counsel fees) shall be payable to Landlord by Tenant upon demand. Landlord shall have the right at all times to post and keep posted on the Property any notices permitted or required by law or that Landlord shall deem proper for the protection of Landlord, the Property, and the Property, from mechanics' and materialmens' liens. Tenant shall give to Landlord at least ten (10) days' prior written notice of commencement of any repair or construction on the Property.

(e) Tenant may perform general decorating to the Property, for which building permits are not required, without the Landlord's prior consent.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**INSURANCE; INDEMNITY**

**8.1 Insurance.** Tenant shall, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, obtain and keep in effect during the Term:

(a) Commercial general liability insurance applying to the use and occupancy of the Property and any part thereof, or any areas adjacent thereto and including any licensed areas and storage spaces and the business operated by Tenant and any other occupants in the Property. Such insurance shall have a limit of liability of not less than \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence and \$3,000,000.00 annual aggregate. Such policy shall be written to apply to all bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and other covered loss, however occasioned occurring during the policy term, with at least the following endorsements to the extent such endorsements are generally available: (i) deleting any employee exclusion on personal injury coverage, (ii) including employees as additional insureds, (iii) providing broad form property damage coverage and products completed operations coverage (where applicable), (iv) containing blanket contractual liability, (v) be primary coverage and non-contributory, and (vi) providing for coverage of owned and non-owned automobile liability;

(b) Standard fire and extended perils insurance, including sprinkler leakages, vandalism and malicious mischief covering property of every description including furniture, fittings, installations, alterations, additions, partitions and fixtures or anything in the nature of a leasehold improvement made or installed by or on behalf of the Tenant in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the full replacement cost thereof as shall from time to time be determined by Tenant in form satisfactory to Landlord;

(c) State Worker's Compensation Insurance in the statutorily mandated limits and Employer's Liability Insurance with limits of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), or such greater amount as Landlord may from time to time require; and

(d) Business Interruption Insurance for a period of at least twelve (12) months commencing with the date of loss insuring that the Rent will be paid to Landlord during this period if the Property are destroyed or rendered inaccessible.

(e) Employers Liability with limits of \$500,000.00 each accident, \$500,000.00 disease policy limit, \$500,000.00 disease - each employee.

**8.2 Insurance Policies.** All policies of insurance provided for herein shall be issued by insurance companies with a financial rating of A as rated in the most current available "Best's Insurance Reports," and qualified to do business in the State of Illinois, and shall include as additional insureds, Landlord, Landlord's investment advisor, if any, the property manager designated by Landlord, if any ("**Property Manager**"), and such other persons or firms as Landlord specifies from time to time. Such policies shall be for the mutual and joint benefit and protection of Landlord, Tenant and others hereinabove mentioned, and executed copies of such policies of insurance or certificates thereof shall be delivered to Landlord within ten (10) days prior to the delivery of possession of the Property to Tenant and thereafter within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term of such policy. All commercial general liability and property damage policies shall contain a provision that Landlord and the Property Manager, although named as additional insureds, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under said policies for any loss occasioned to it, its servants, agents and employees, by reason of Tenant's negligence.

As often as any policy shall expire or terminate, renewal or additional policies shall be procured and maintained by Tenant in like manner and to like extent. All such policies of insurance shall provide that the company writing said policy will give to Landlord thirty (30) days' notice in writing in advance of any cancellation or lapse or of the effective date of any reduction in the amounts of insurance. All commercial

general liability, property damage and other casualty policies shall be written on an occurrence basis and as primary policies, and not in excess of coverage that Landlord may carry. Landlord's coverage shall not be contributory. Tenant's insurance shall specifically include the liability assumed hereunder by Tenant, shall provide for severability of interests, shall further provide that an act or omission of one of the named insureds which would void or otherwise reduce coverage shall not reduce or void the coverage as to any insured, and shall afford coverage for all claims based on acts, omissions, injury or damage which occurred or arose (or the onset of which occurred or arose) in whole or in part during the policy period.

**8.3 Failure to Obtain.** Should Tenant fail to take out and keep in force each insurance policy required under this Article, or should such insurance not be approved by Landlord and should the Tenant not rectify the situation within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice from Landlord to Tenant, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, Landlord shall have the right, without assuming any obligation in connection herewith, to effect such insurance at the sole cost of Tenant, and all outlays by the Landlord shall be immediately payable by the Tenant to the Landlord as Additional Rent without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of Landlord under this Lease.

**8.4 Waiver of Subrogation.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, to the extent permitted by their respective policies of insurance and to the extent of insurance proceeds received with respect to the loss, Landlord and Tenant each waive any right of recovery against the other party and against any other party maintaining a policy of insurance with respect to the Property or any portion thereof or the contents of any of the same, for any loss or damage maintained by such other party with respect to the Property or any portion of any thereof or the contents of the same or any operation therein, whether or not such loss is caused by the fault or negligence of such other party. If any policy of insurance relating to the Property carried by Tenant or Landlord does not permit the foregoing waiver or if the coverage under any such policy would be invalidated as a result of such waiver, Tenant or Landlord shall, if possible, obtain from the insurer under such policy a waiver of all rights of subrogation the insurer might have against Landlord or any other party maintaining a policy of insurance covering the same loss, in connection with any claim, loss or damage covered by such policy.

**8.5 Landlord's Liability.** No approval by Landlord of any insurer, or the terms or conditions of any policy, or any coverage or amount of insurance, or any deductible amount shall be construed as a representation by Landlord of the solvency of the insurer or the sufficiency of any policy or any coverage or amount of insurance or deductible and Tenant assumes full risk and responsibility for any inadequacy of insurance coverage or any failure of insurers.

**8.6 Landlord's Insurance.** Landlord shall maintain in effect a policy or policies of property insurance covering the Property, providing protection against perils included within the classification "Fire and Extended Coverage" in such amount as is reasonably determined by Landlord and a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance for personal injuries or deaths of persons occurring in or about the Property. Nothing herein shall require Landlord to carry any insurance with respect to risks or property required to be insured by Tenant under this Lease or by any other tenant under such other tenant's lease, or with respect to any improvements or fixtures in the Property that have been constructed or installed by or at the expense of any other tenant in the Property.

**8.7 Indemnity.** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend and save and hold Landlord, the Property Manager, and their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents and employees, harmless, from and against any and all losses, costs, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and reasonable investigation costs, incurred in connection with or arising from: (a) any default by Tenant in the observance or performance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Lease on Tenant's part to be observed or performed, or (b) the use or occupancy or manner of use or occupancy of the Property by Tenant or any person or entity claiming through or under Tenant, or (c) the condition of the Property or any occurrence on the Property from any cause whatsoever, except to the extent caused by the sole

negligence or willful misconduct of Landlord, or (d) any acts, omissions or negligence of Tenant or of the contractors, agents, servants, employees, visitors, customers, or licensees of Tenant, in, on or about the Property. Tenant's obligations under this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease.

**8.8 Limitation of Liability.** Tenant agrees that Landlord shall not be responsible for or liable to Tenant and Tenant releases Landlord and waives all claims against Landlord for any injury, loss or damage to any person or property in or about the Property by or from any cause whatsoever (other than Landlord's sole negligence or willful misconduct); theft; burst, stopped or leaking water, gas, sewer or steam pipes; or gas, fire, oil or electricity in, on or about the Property. The liability of Landlord, any agent of Landlord, or any of their respective officers, directors, board members, beneficiaries, shareholders, or employees to Tenant for or in respect of any default by Landlord under the terms of this Lease or in respect of any other claim or cause of action shall be limited to the interest of Landlord in the Building, and Tenant agrees to look solely to Landlord's interest in the Property for the recovery and satisfaction of any judgment against Landlord, any agent of Landlord, or any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, and employees. No holder or beneficiary of any mortgage or deed of trust on any part of the Property shall have any liability to Tenant hereunder for any default of Landlord.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION**

**9.1 Definition.** The term "**Casualty**", for purposes of this Lease, includes (but is not limited to) the following acts or events:

(a) Extreme events of nature including but not limited to fire, flood, bad weather, earthquake, and other similar occurrences;

(b) Any act of war, terrorism, or bio-terrorism, where "bio-terrorism" shall mean the release (or threatened release) of an airborne agent or other contaminant that is or could adversely affect the Building or its occupants.

**9.2** If the Property or any portion thereof are damaged by fire or other Casualty, Landlord shall forthwith repair the same (except for Alterations installed by or on behalf of Tenant) provided that such repairs can be made within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of such damage under the laws and regulations of the federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction thereof and are covered by the proceeds of insurance required to be maintained by Landlord pursuant to Section 8.6 hereof. In such event, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect except that Tenant shall be entitled to a proportionate abatement of Base Rent and Additional Rent while such repairs are being made as provided below. Tenant shall further be entitled to a proportionate abatement of Base Rent and Additional Rent resulting from such loss of use of Common Areas of the Property but only to the extent such fire or casualty actually interferes with the operation of Tenant's business. Within thirty (30) days after the date of such damage, Landlord shall notify Tenant whether or not such repairs are covered by insurance required to be maintained by Landlord pursuant to Section 8.6 and whether such repairs can be made within one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of such damage. Landlord's determination thereof shall be binding on Tenant. If such repairs cannot be made within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of such damage or such damage is not so covered by insurance, Landlord shall have the option within thirty (30) days after the date of such damage to notify Tenant of its election to terminate this Lease as of a date specified in such notice, which date shall not be less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after notice is given.

If Landlord notifies Tenant that or such damage is not so covered by insurance, Landlord shall either:  
(a) notify Tenant of Landlord's intention to repair such damage, in which event this Lease shall continue in full force and effect, Landlord shall diligently prosecute such repairs to completion, and the Base Rent and

Additional Rent shall be reduced as provided herein; or (b) notify Tenant of Landlord's election to terminate this Lease as of a date specified in such notice, which date shall be not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days after notice is given. If such notice to terminate is given by Landlord, this Lease shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. In case of termination, the Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be reduced by a proportionate amount based upon the extent to which such damage interfered with the business carried on by Tenant in the Property, and Tenant shall pay such reduced Base Rent and Additional Rent up to the date of termination. Landlord agrees to refund to Tenant any Base Rent and Additional Rent previously paid for any period of time subsequent to such date of termination. The repairs to be made hereunder by Landlord shall not include, and Landlord shall not be required to repair, any damage by fire or other cause to the property of Tenant or any damage caused by the negligence of Tenant, its contractors, agents, licensees or employees or any repairs or replacements of any paneling, decorations, railings, floor coverings, or any Alterations, additions, fixtures or improvements installed on the Property by or at the expense of Tenant.

**9.3** If Landlord elects or is required hereunder to repair, reconstruct or restore the Property after any damage or destruction thereto, Tenant shall, at its own expense, as soon as reasonably practicable, replace or fully repair, reconstruct or restore all Alterations installed by Tenant and all other of Tenant's improvements, fixtures and property. Tenant hereby waives the provisions of any statute or law that may be in effect at the time of the occurrence of any such damage or destruction, under which a lease is automatically terminated or a Tenant is given the right to terminate a lease upon such an occurrence.

**9.4** Tenant shall have no interest in or claim to any portion of the proceeds of any insurance or self-insurance maintained by Landlord. Except as otherwise provided herein, Landlord shall have no interest in or claim to any portion of the proceeds of any insurance maintained by Tenant under Article 8.

**9.5** Tenant agrees at all times after any damage to or destruction of the improvements on the Property, or any portion thereof, to continue the operation of its business therein to the extent practicable. If Landlord is required or elects to make any repairs, reconstruction or restoration of any damage or destruction to the Property under any of the provisions of this Article, Tenant shall not be entitled to any damages by reason of any inconvenience or loss sustained by Tenant as a result thereof. During the period commencing with the date of any such damage or destruction that Landlord is required or elects hereunder to repair, reconstruct or restore, and ending with the completion of such repairs, reconstruction or restoration the Base Rent and Additional Rent shall be proportionately abated to the extent to which such damage and the making of such repairs by Landlord shall interfere with the business carried on by Tenant in the Property. The full amount of Base Rent and Additional Rent shall again become payable immediately upon the completion of such work of repair, reconstruction or restoration. Except as expressly hereinabove provided, there shall be no reduction, change or abatement of any rental or other charge payable by Tenant to Landlord hereunder, or in the method of computing, accounting for or paying the same.

#### **9.6 Interruption of Service.**

(a) **Interruption of Service Defined.** No damages, compensation, or claim shall be payable by Landlord, and this Lease and the obligations of Tenant to perform all of its covenants and agreements hereunder shall in no way be affected, impaired, reduced, or excused, in the event that there is an interruption, curtailment, or suspension of the Building's HVAC, utility, sanitary, elevator, water, telecommunications, security (including equipment, devices, and personnel), or other Building systems serving the Property or any other services required of Landlord under this Lease (each, an "**Interruption of Service**"), by reason of:

- (1) any Casualty;
- (2) any emergency situation creating a threat to person or property;

- (3) any other causes of any kind whatsoever that are beyond the control of Landlord, including but not limited to:
- (i) a lack of access to the Building or the Property beyond the control of Landlord (which shall include, but not be limited to, the lack of access to the Building or the Property when it or they are structurally sound but inaccessible due to the evacuation of the surrounding area or damage to nearby structures or public areas);
  - (ii) any cause outside the Building including street closures or rerouting;
  - (iii) reduced air quality or other contaminants within the Building that would adversely affect the Building or its occupants (including, but not limited to, the presence of biological or other airborne agents within the Building or the Property);
  - (iv) a disruption of mail and deliveries to the Property resulting from a Casualty;
  - (v) a disruption of telephone and telecommunications services to the Building or the Property resulting from a Casualty; or,
  - (vi) a blockage of any windows, doors, or walkways to the Building or the Property resulting from a Casualty.

(b) **Landlord's Interruption of Services.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Lease, Landlord reserves the right, without any liability to Tenant, and without being in breach of any covenant of this Lease, to effect an Interruption of Service, as required by this Lease or by law, or as Landlord in good faith deems advisable, whenever and for so long as may be reasonably necessary, to make repairs, alterations, upgrades, changes, or for any other reason, to the Building's HVAC, utility, sanitary, elevator, water, telecommunications, security (including equipment, devices, and personnel), or other Building systems serving the Property or any other services required of Landlord under this Lease. In each instance, Landlord shall exercise reasonable diligence to eliminate the cause of the Interruption of Service, if resulting from conditions within the Building, and conclude the Interruption of Service. Landlord shall give Tenant notice, when practicable, of the commencement and anticipated duration of such Interruption of Service.

- (c) **No Remedies.** The occurrence of an Interruption of Service shall not:
- (1) constitute an actual or constructive eviction of Tenant, in whole or in part;
  - (2) entitle Tenant to any abatement or diminution of Base Rent, Additional Rent, or any other costs due from Tenant pursuant to this Lease;
  - (3) relieve or release Tenant from any of its obligations under this Lease;
  - (4) entitle Tenant to terminate this Lease.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **TAXES**

**10.1 Real Property Taxes.** Subject to the provisions of Section 10.2, Landlord shall pay the Real Property Taxes, as defined in Section 10.2, applicable to the Property and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for Tenant's Share of the Real Property Taxes in the same manner as Operating Expenses in accordance with Section 4.2.

**10.2 Definition. "Real Property Taxes"** means all taxes, assessments and charges levied upon or with respect to the Property or any personal property of Landlord used in the operation thereof, or Landlord's interest in the Property or such personal property. Real Property Taxes shall include, without limitation, all general real property taxes and general and special assessments, charges, fees, or assessments for transit, housing, police, fire, or other governmental services or purported benefits to the Property or the occupants thereof, service payments in lieu of taxes, and any tax, fee, or excise on the act of entering into this Lease or any other lease of space in the Property, or on the use or occupancy of the Property or any part thereof, or on the rent payable under any lease or in connection with the business of renting space in the Property, that are now or hereafter levied or assessed against Landlord by the United States of America, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof, public corporation, district, or any other political or public entity, and shall also include any other tax, fee or other excise, however described, that may be levied or assessed as a substitute for, or as an addition to, in whole or in part, any other real property taxes, whether or not now customary or in the contemplation of the parties on the date of this Lease. Real Property Taxes shall also include all fees, costs, and expenses (including expert witness fees and costs) incurred by Landlord in connection with its attempts to obtain reductions in assessed valuation of the taxable components of the Property or taxes rates attributable thereto. Real Property Taxes shall not include franchise, transfer, inheritance, or capital stock taxes or income taxes measured by the net income of Landlord from all sources unless, due to a change in the method of taxation, any of such taxes is levied or assessed against Landlord as a substitute for, or as an addition to, in whole or in part, any other tax that would otherwise constitute a real property tax. Real Property Taxes shall also include reasonable legal and consulting fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in connection with proceedings to contest, determine, or reduce Real Property Taxes.

**10.3 Personal Property Taxes.** Tenant shall pay prior to delinquency all taxes assessed against and levied upon trade fixtures, furnishings, equipment and all other personal property of Tenant located in the Property or elsewhere.

## **ARTICLE 11** **UTILITIES**

**11.1 Services Provided by Landlord.** Landlord shall provide utilities sufficient for heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electricity sufficient for normal office use, tap water sufficient for normal drinking and lavatory use.

**11.2 Services Exclusive to Tenant.** Tenant shall pay for all utilities and services furnished to or used at the Property, including water, gas, electricity, other power, telephone and other communications services, and all other utilities and services supplied and/or metered to the Property or to Tenant, together with any taxes or impositions thereon. Tenant shall be responsible for its security and janitorial services.

## **ARTICLE 12** **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING**

**12.1** Tenant shall not directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, by merger, acquisition, or other transfer of any controlling interest in Tenant) voluntarily or by operation of law sell, assign, mortgage, encumber, pledge or otherwise transfer or hypothecate all or any part of Tenant's interest in or rights with respect to the Property or its leasehold estate hereunder (collectively, "**Assignment**"), or permit all or any portion of the Property to be occupied by anyone other than itself or sublet all or any portion of the Property (collectively, "**Sublease**") without Landlord's prior written consent in each instance, which consent, it is expressly understood and agreed, may not unreasonably be withheld or delayed by Landlord.

**12.2** If Tenant desires to enter into an Assignment of this Lease or a Sublease of the Property or any portion thereof, it shall give written notice (the "**Notice of Proposed Transfer**") to Landlord of its intention to do so no less than thirty (30) days prior to such proposed Assignment of Sublease, which notice

shall contain: (i) the name and address of the proposed assignee, subtenant or occupant (“**Transferee**”), (ii) the nature of the proposed Transferee’s business to be carried on in the Property, (iii) the terms and provisions of the proposed Assignment or Sublease and (iv) such financial information as Landlord may reasonably request concerning the proposed Transferee.

**12.3** At any time within twenty (20) days after Landlord’s receipt of the Notice of Proposed Transfer pursuant to Section 12.2, Landlord may by written notice to Tenant elect in its sole discretion to: (i) terminate this Lease as to the portion (including all) of the Property that is specified in the Notice of Proposed Transfer, which, in case of termination as to less than all of the Property, a proportionate reduction in Base Rent and Additional Rent, (ii) consent to the proposed Assignment or Sublease, or (iii) reasonably disapprove the proposed Assignment or Sublease in writing with reason for disapproval. If Landlord elects to consent to the proposed Assignment or Sublease, Tenant may, not later than ninety (90) days thereafter, enter into such Assignment or Sublease with the proposed Transferee and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Proposed Transfer, and fifty percent (50%) of any rent or other consideration received by Tenant in excess of the Base Rent and Additional Rent payable hereunder (or the amount thereof proportionate to the portion of the Property subject to such Sublease or Assignment) and reasonable commissions and the cost of any Alterations incurred in connection with such Sublease or Assignment, shall be paid to Landlord. If Landlord elects the option provided in clause (i), Landlord shall be entitled to enter into a lease, sublease or assignment with respect to the Property (or portion thereof specified in said Notice of Proposed Transfer) with the proposed Transferee identified in Tenant’s notice.

**12.4** No Sublease or Assignment by Tenant nor any consent by Landlord thereto shall relieve Tenant of any obligation to be performed by Tenant under this Lease. Any Sublease or Assignment that is not in compliance with this Article 12 shall be null and void and, at the option of Landlord, shall constitute a non-curable default by Tenant under this Lease and Landlord shall be entitled to pursue any right or remedy available to Landlord under the terms of this Lease or under the laws of the State of Illinois. The acceptance of any Rent or other payments by Landlord from a proposed Transferee shall not constitute consent to such Sublease or Assignment by Landlord or a recognition of any Transferee, or a waiver by Landlord of any failure of Tenant or other Transferor to comply with this Article 12.

**12.5** Notwithstanding anything in this Article 12 to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of Section 12.6 below, Landlord’s prior written consent shall not be required for a transfer of corporate shares by bequest or inheritance between or among the present majority stockholders of Tenant, to their immediate family, or any trust created for the benefit of such immediate family member or members; or any assignment of this Lease to any of the following: (i) a subsidiary, affiliate, division or corporation controlling, controlled by or under common control with Tenant; (ii) a successor corporation related to Tenant by merger, consolidation, or non-bankruptcy reorganization; (iii) a purchaser of all or substantially all of Tenant’s assets, or (iv) in the case of a public offering of the stock of Tenant, the purchasers of Tenant’s capital stock; provided that (a) Tenant is not in default under this Lease; (b) Tenant provides Landlord with the written notice required by Section 12.2(i)-(iv); and (c) after such assignment or transfer the operation of the business conducted in the Property shall be operated in the manner required by this Lease. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “control” means owning directly or indirectly fifty percent (50%) or more of the beneficial interest in such entity, or having the direct or indirect power to control the management policies of each person or entity, whether through ownership, by contract or otherwise. As a condition to this Section 12.5, Tenant agrees to inform Landlord in writing of the proposed assignment or other transfer no less than thirty (30) days prior to any assignment or other transfer referred to in this Section 12.5.

**12.6** Any Transferee approved by Landlord or transferee or assignee under Section 12.5, shall, from and after the effective date of the Assignment or Sublease, assume all obligations of Tenant under this Lease and shall be and remain liable jointly and severally with Tenant for the payment of Rent and for the performance of all of the terms, covenants, conditions and agreements herein contained on Tenant’s part to be performed for the Term. No Assignment shall be binding on Landlord unless Tenant or Transferee shall deliver

to Landlord a counterpart of the Assignment and an instrument that contains a covenant of assumption by such Transferee satisfactory in substance and form to Landlord, and consistent with the requirements of this Section 12.6. Any failure or refusal of such Transferee to execute such instrument of assumption shall constitute a default under this Lease but shall not release or discharge such Transferee from its liability as set forth above.

**12.7** Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for administrative and legal expenses associated with the review and preparation of legal documents with each request by Tenant that Landlord consent to a proposed assignment, change of ownership or hypothecation of this Lease.

### **ARTICLE 13 DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

**13.1 Default.** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a material default by Tenant under this Lease:

(a) The breach by Tenant of any of the covenants, conditions or provisions of Sections 7.3(a), (b) or (d) (alterations), 12 (assignment or subletting), 17 (estoppel certificate), or 20.12 (subordination), all of which are deemed to be material, non-curable defaults without the necessity of any notice by Landlord to Tenant thereof.

(b) The failure by Tenant to make any payment of Rent or any other payment required to be made by Tenant hereunder, without deduction or offset, as and when due, where such failure shall continue for a period of five (5) days after written notice thereof from Landlord to Tenant. In the event that Landlord serves Tenant with a Notice to pursuant to applicable Forcible Entry and Detainer statutes such Notice to Pay Rent or Quit shall also constitute the notice required by this subparagraph.

(c) The failure by Tenant to observe or perform any of the covenants, conditions or provisions of this Lease to be observed or performed by Tenant other than those referenced in subparagraphs (a) and (b), above, where such failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice thereof from Landlord to Tenant; provided, however, that if the nature of Tenant's noncompliance is such that more than thirty (30) days are reasonably required for its cure, then Tenant shall not be deemed to be in default if Tenant commenced such cure within said thirty (30) day period and thereafter diligently pursues such cure to completion. To the extent permitted by law, such thirty (30) day notice shall constitute the sole and exclusive notice required to be given to Tenant under applicable unlawful detainer statutes.

(d) (i) The making by Tenant or by any guarantor of Tenant's obligations under this Lease of any general arrangement or general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) Tenant or any guarantor of Tenant's obligations under this Lease becoming a "debtor" as defined in 11 U.S.C. §101 or any successor statute thereto (unless, in the case of a petition filed against Tenant, the same is dismissed within sixty (60) days; (iii) the appointment of a trustee or receiver to take possession of substantially all of Tenant's assets located at the Property or of Tenant's interest in this Lease, where possession is not restored to Tenant within thirty (30) days; or (iv) the attachment, execution or other judicial seizure of substantially all of Tenant's assets located at the Property or of Tenant's interest in this Lease, where such seizure is not discharged within thirty (30) days. In the event that any provision of this Section 13.1(d) is contrary to any applicable law, such provision shall be of no force or effect, and this Section 13.1(d) shall be interpreted in such a way to give effect to the remaining provisions.

(e) Tenant shall do or permit to be done anything which creates a lien upon the Property or upon all or any part of the Building or the Property.

(f) The inclusion by Tenant or its successor in interest or by any guarantor of Tenant's obligation hereunder of false information in any financial statement provided hereunder.

**13.2 Remedies.** In the event of any material default or breach of this Lease by Tenant, but after the expiration of any applicable cure period, Landlord may at any time thereafter, with or without notice or demand and without limiting Landlord in the exercise of any right or remedy which Landlord may have by reason of such default:

(a) Terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Property by any lawful means, in which case this Lease shall terminate and Tenant shall immediately surrender possession of the Property to Landlord. In such event Landlord shall be entitled to recover from Tenant all damages incurred by Landlord by reason of Tenant's default including, but not limited to (i) the cost of recovering possession of the Property; (ii) expenses of reletting, including necessary renovation and alteration of the Property; (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees, and any real estate commission actually paid; (iv) the worth at the time of award of any unpaid Rent which had been earned at the time of such termination; (v) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent which would have been earned after termination until the time of award exceeds the amount of such rental loss for the same period that Tenant proves could reasonably be avoided; (vi) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent for the balance of the term after the time of such award exceeds the amount of such rental loss for the same period that Tenant proves could be reasonably avoided; (vii) that portion of the leasing commission paid by Landlord pursuant to Article 16 and (viii) that portion of the Tenant improvement allowance (if any) applicable to the unexpired Term of this Lease.

(b) Maintain Tenant's right to possession in which case this Lease shall continue in effect whether or not Tenant shall have vacated or abandoned the Property. In such event Landlord shall be entitled to enforce all of Landlord's rights and remedies under this Lease, including the right to recover the Rent as it becomes due hereunder. The foregoing remedies shall also be available to Landlord in the event Tenant has abandoned the Property. Landlord's election not to terminate this Lease pursuant to this Section 13.2(b) or pursuant to any other provision of this Lease, at law or in equity, shall not preclude Landlord from subsequently electing to terminate this Lease or pursuing any of its other remedies.

(c) Pursue any other remedy now or hereafter available to Landlord under the laws or judicial decisions of the State of Illinois. Unpaid installments of Rent and other unpaid monetary obligations of Tenant under the terms of this Lease shall bear interest from the date due at the maximum rate then allowable by law.

**13.3 Right to Perform.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Lease, all covenants and agreements of Tenant under this Lease shall be performed by Tenant at Tenant's sole cost and expense and without any abatement or offset of Rent. If Tenant shall fail to pay any sum of money (other than monthly Base Rent) or fail to perform any other act on its part to be paid or performed hereunder and such failure shall continue beyond any applicable cure period, Landlord may, without waiving or releasing Tenant from any of Tenant's obligations, make such payment or perform such other act on behalf of Tenant. All sums so paid by Landlord and all necessary incidental costs incurred by Landlord in performing such other acts shall be payable by Tenant to Landlord within five (5) days after demand therefor as Additional Rent.

**13.4 Default by Landlord.** Landlord shall not be in default unless Landlord fails to perform obligations required of Landlord within a reasonable time, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after written notice by Tenant to Landlord and to the holder of any first mortgage or deed of trust covering the Property whose name and address shall have theretofore been furnished to Tenant in writing, specifying the obligation that Landlord has failed to perform; provided, however, that if the nature of Landlord's obligation is such that more than thirty (30) days are required for performance then Landlord shall not be in default if Landlord commences performance within such 30-day period and thereafter diligently pursues the same to completion.

**13.5 Late Charges; Right to Change Terms.**

(a) Tenant acknowledges that late payment by Tenant to Landlord of Base Rent, or Additional Rent or other sums due hereunder will cause Landlord to incur costs not contemplated by this Lease, the exact amount of which will be extremely difficult to ascertain. Such costs include, but are not limited to, processing and accounting charges, and late charges which may be imposed on Landlord by the terms of any mortgage or trust deed covering the Property. Accordingly, if any installment of Base Rent, Additional Rent, or any other sum due from Tenant shall not be received by Landlord or Landlord's designee when due, then, without any requirement for notice to Tenant, Tenant shall pay to Landlord a late charge equal to ten percent (10%) of such overdue amount. The parties agree that such late charge represents a fair and reasonable estimate of the costs Landlord will incur by reason of late payment by Tenant. Acceptance of such late charge by Landlord shall in no event constitute a waiver of Tenant's default with respect to such overdue amount, nor prevent Landlord from exercising any of the other rights and remedies granted hereunder.

(b) Following a second late payment or Rent or Additional Rent hereunder within any twelve (12) month period Landlord may, at its sole option, upon not less than fifteen (15) days' prior notice to Tenant, require Tenant to promptly execute and deliver to Landlord any documents, instruments, authorizations, or certificates required by Landlord to give effect to an automated debiting system, whereby any or all payments of Rent, Additional Rent, and any other payments required by Tenant or contemplated by this Lease shall be debited monthly or from time to time, as determined by Landlord, from Tenant's account in a bank or financial institution designated by Tenant and credited to Landlord's bank account. Tenant shall pay all service fees and other charges connected therewith, including, without limitation, any charges resulting from insufficient funds in Tenant's bank account or any late charges imposed on the Landlord. Tenant's failure to properly designate a bank or financial institution or to promptly provide appropriate information in accordance with this section shall constitute a default of the Lease.

#### **ARTICLE 14 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

**14.1** As used herein, the term "**Hazardous Substances**" shall mean any chemical, substance, medical or other waste, living organism or combination thereof which is or may be hazardous to the environment or human or animal health or safety due to its radioactivity, ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, explosivity, toxicity, carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, phytotoxicity, infectiousness or other harmful or potentially harmful properties or effects. "Hazardous Substances" shall include, without limitation, petroleum hydrocarbons, including crude oil or any fraction thereof, asbestos, radon, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), methane and all substances which now or in the future may be defined as "hazardous substances," "hazardous wastes," "extremely hazardous wastes," "hazardous materials," "toxic substances," "infectious wastes," "biohazardous wastes," "medical wastes," "radioactive wastes" or which are otherwise listed, defined or regulated in any manner pursuant to any Environmental Laws. As used herein, "**Environmental Laws**" means all present and future federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, standards, directives, interpretations and conditions of approval, all administrative or judicial orders or decrees and all guidelines, permits, licenses, approvals and other entitlements, and rules of common law, pertaining to Hazardous Substances, the protection of the environment or human or animal health or safety.

**14.2** Tenant shall not cause or permit any Hazardous Substance to be used, manufactured, stored, discharged, released or disposed of in, from, under or about the the Building, the Property or any other land or improvements in the vicinity thereof, excepting only, if applicable, such minor quantities of materials as are normally used in office buildings, and then only in strict accordance with all Applicable Laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Tenant, at its sole cost, shall comply with all Environmental Laws. If the presence of Hazardous Substances on the the Property caused or permitted by Tenant results in contamination of the Property or any portion thereof, or any soil or groundwater in, under or about the Property, Tenant, at its expense, shall promptly take all actions necessary to return the Property or portion thereof affected, to the condition existing prior to the appearance of such Hazardous Materials. The termination of

this Lease shall not terminate or reduce the liability or obligations of Tenant under this Article 14, or as may be required by law, to clean up, monitor or remove any Hazardous Substances.

**14.3** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless Landlord, the Property Manager, and their respective officers, directors, trustees, agents and employees from and against all losses, costs, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, litigation, demands, defenses, judgments, suits, proceedings, or expenses of any kind or nature (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expert's fees) arising out of or in connection with any Hazardous Substances on, in, under or affecting the Premises, Building, Office Project, or any part thereof that are or were attributable to Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent, contractor, or permitted subtenant or anyone claiming under Tenant or other person or entity acting at the direction, knowledge or implied consent of Tenant, including, without limitation, any cost of monitoring or removal, any reduction in the fair market value or fair rental value of the the Building or the Property, and any loss, claim or demand by any third person or entity relating to bodily injury or damage to real or personal property and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

**14.4** Tenant shall surrender the Property to Landlord, upon the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease, free of Hazardous Substances which are or were attributable to Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent or contractor of Tenant, or anyone claiming under Tenant. If Tenant fails to so surrender the Property, Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from all losses, costs, claims, damages and liabilities resulting from Tenant's failure to surrender the Property as required by this Section, including, without limitation, any claims or damages in connection with the condition of the Property including, without limitation, damages occasioned by the inability to relet the Property or a reduction in the fair market and/or rental value of the Property or any portion thereof, by reason of the existence of any Hazardous Substances, which are or were attributable to the activities of Tenant or any employee, invitee, licensee, agent or contractor of Tenant, or anyone claiming under Tenant.

**14.05** Potentially Infectious Medical Waste. Tenant shall be responsible, at Tenant's sole cost and expenses, for the proper handling, storage and removal of potentially infectious medical waste generated in the Property, and Tenant shall provide incineration or other proper disposal of same. This includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Cultures and Stocks - Cultures and stocks of agents infectious to humans, and associated biologicals. For example: cultures from medical laboratories; waste from the production of biologicals; discarded live and attenuated vaccines, and culture dishes and devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures.

(b) Pathological Wastes - Human pathological wastes. For example: tissue, organs and body parts, and body fluids that are removed during medical procedures and specimens of body fluids and their containers.

(c) Blood and Body Products - Discarded waste human blood and blood components (e.g. serum and plasma) and saturated material containing free flowing blood and blood components.

(d) Sharps - Discarded sharps used in human patient care, medical research or clinical or pharmaceutical laboratories. For example: hypodermic, I.V., and other medical needles; hypodermic and I.V. syringes; Pasteur pipettes; scalpel blades; blood vials; and broken or unbroken glassware in contact with infectious agents, including slides or cover slips.

(e) Unused Sharps - Discarded hypodermic, I.V. and other medical needles, hypodermic, I.V. syringes, and scalpel blades. Unused sharps should be considered part of infectious medical wastes as it is often difficult to determine if they have been used. Tenant's failure to properly dispose of such waste or failure to comply with environmental laws, regulations and ordinances shall be deemed a default hereunder. Tenant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Landlord from and against any claims, liabilities, damages and

suits arising in connection with potentially infectious medical waste used or generated in Tenant's medical practice. Tenant's obligations hereunder shall survive the termination or expiration of this Lease.

**ARTICLE 15**  
**EMINENT DOMAIN**

**15.1** If the Property or any portion thereof are taken as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain, or any transfer in lieu thereof, this Lease shall terminate as to the part so taken as of the date the condemning authority takes title or possession, whichever first occurs, and, in the case of a partial taking, either Landlord or Tenant shall have the right to terminate this Lease as to the balance of the Property by written notice to the other within thirty (30) days after such date; provided, however, that a condition to the exercise by Tenant of such right to terminate shall be that the portion of the Property taken shall be of such extent and nature as substantially to handicap, impede or impair Tenant's use of the balance of the Property. If any material part of the Building or Property shall be taken as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain, whether or not the Property are affected, Landlord shall have the right to terminate this Lease by written notice to Tenant within thirty (30) days of the date of the taking. If neither Landlord nor Tenant terminates this Lease in accordance with the foregoing, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect as to the portion of the Property remaining, except that the Rent and Additional Rent shall be reduced in the proportion that the floor area of the Property taken bears to the total floor area of the Property. Common Areas taken shall be excluded from the Common Areas usable by Tenant and no reduction of Rent shall occur with respect thereto or by reason thereof. In the event of any taking, Landlord shall be entitled to any and all compensation, damages, income, rent, awards, or any interest therein whatsoever which may be paid or made in connection therewith, and Tenant shall have no claim against Landlord for the value of any unexpired term of this Lease or otherwise; provided that Landlord shall have no claim to any portion of the award that is specifically allocable to Tenant's relocation expenses or the interruption of or damage to Tenant's business.

**15.2** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, if a taking occurs with respect to all or any portion of the Property for a limited period of time, this Lease shall remain unaffected thereby and Tenant shall continue to pay Base Rent and Additional Rent and to perform all of the terms, conditions and covenants of this Lease. In the event of any such temporary taking, Tenant shall be entitled to receive that portion of any award which represents compensation for the use or occupancy of the Property during the Term up to the total Base Rent and Additional Rent owing by Tenant for the period of the taking, and Landlord shall be entitled to receive the balance of any award.

**15.3** Tenant waives and releases any right, under any applicable law, statute or ordinance now or hereafter in effect, to terminate this Lease in whole or in part due to a taking of the Property as a result of the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

**ARTICLE 16**  
**REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

The brokers involved in this transaction are identified in Article 1. Each of Tenant and Landlord represents and warrants to the other that it has not had any dealings with any person, firm, broker or finder in connection with the negotiation of this Lease and/or the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby, and no other broker or other person, firm or entity is entitled to any commission or finder's fee in connection with said transaction and Tenant and Landlord do each hereby indemnify, defend and hold the other harmless from and against any costs, expenses, attorney's fees or liability for compensation or charges which may be claimed by any such unnamed broker, finder or other similar party by reason of any dealings or actions of the indemnifying party.

**ARTICLE 17**  
**ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE**

**17.1** Upon Landlord's written request, Tenant shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to Landlord a written statement certifying: (i) that none of the terms or provisions of this Lease have been changed (or if they have been changed, stating how they have been changed); (ii) that this Lease has not been canceled or terminated and is in full force and effect; (iii) the amount of the current Base Rent; (iv) the last date of payment of the Base Rent and other charges and the time period covered by such payment; (v) the amount of any Security Deposit paid and the validity of any charges made thereto by Landlord (or, if Tenant contests the validity of any such changes, stating why); (vi) that the Lease has not been subleased or assigned, or if it has been so subleased or assigned, the identity of the subtenant or assignee; and (vii) that Landlord is not in default under this lease (or, if Landlord is claimed to be in default, stating why). Tenant shall deliver such statement to Landlord within ten (10) days after Landlord's request. Any such statement by Tenant may be given by Landlord to any prospective purchaser or encumbrancer of the Property. Such purchaser or encumbrancer may rely conclusively upon such statement as true and correct.

**17.2** At Landlord's option, the failure to deliver such statement within ten (10) days of such request shall be a material default of this Lease by the responding party, without any further notice to Tenant, or it shall be conclusive upon Tenant that (i) this Lease is in full force and effect, without modification except as may be represented by the requesting party, (ii) there are no uncured defaults in the requesting party's performance, and (iii) if Landlord is the requesting party, not more than one month's Base Rent has been paid in advance.

**17.3** Tenant shall, when requested by Landlord from time to time but not more frequently than once each year, furnish a true and accurate audited statement of its financial condition for the last three (3) years; provided, however, that if Tenant is a publicly traded company Tenant may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by providing Landlord with a copy of its Form 10-K.

**ARTICLE 18**  
**SALE OR ASSIGNMENT BY LANDLORD**

**18.1** It is agreed that Landlord may at any time sell, assign or transfer by lease or otherwise its interest as Landlord in and to this Lease, or any part thereof, and may at any time sell, assign or transfer its interest in and to the whole or any portion of the Property. In the event of any transfer of Landlord's interest in the Property, the transferor shall be automatically relieved of any and all of Landlord's obligations and liabilities accruing from and after the date of such transfer provided that the transferee assumes all of Landlord's obligations under this Lease.

**18.2** Tenant hereby agrees to attorn to Landlord's assignee, transferee, or purchaser from and after the date of notice to Tenant of such assignment, transfer or sale, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as though this Lease were made in the first instance by and between Tenant and such assignee, transferee or purchaser. In the event of the exercise of the power of sale under, or the foreclosure of, any deed of trust, mortgage or other encumbrances placed by Landlord against all or any portion of the Property, Tenant shall, upon demand, attorn to the purchaser upon the effective date of any such sale or foreclosure of any such deed of trust, mortgage or other encumbrance, and shall recognize the purchaser or judgment creditor as the Landlord under the Lease.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Upon execution of this Lease, Tenant shall deposit with Landlord, as security for the performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, the security deposit set forth in Article 1 above (the "Security Deposit").

Upon the occurrence of a Default, and upon written notice to Tenant Landlord may use all or any part of the Security Deposit for the payment of any Rent or for the payment of any amount which Landlord may pay or become obligated to pay by reason of such Default, or to compensate Landlord for any loss or damage which Landlord may suffer by reason of such Default. If any portion of the Security Deposit is used, Tenant, within five (5) days after written demand therefor, shall deposit cash with Landlord in an amount sufficient to restore the Security Deposit to its original amount. Landlord shall not be required to keep the Security Deposit separate from its general funds, and Tenant shall not be entitled to interest on the Security Deposit. In no event shall the Security Deposit be considered an advanced payment of Rent, and in no event shall Tenant be entitled to use the Security Deposit for the payment of Rent. If no Default by Tenant exists hereunder, the Security Deposit or any balance thereof shall be returned to Tenant within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the Term and vacation of the Property by Tenant. Landlord shall, subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease, transfer the Security Deposit to any *bona fide* purchaser of the Building. Upon such transfer, Tenant shall look solely to such purchaser for return of the Security Deposit; and Landlord shall be relieved of any liability with respect to the Security Deposit.

## **ARTICLE 20**

### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**20.1 Severability.** If any provision of this Lease or the application thereof to any person, entity or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Lease, or the application of such provision to persons, entities or circumstances other than those as to which it is invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each provision of this Lease shall be valid and be enforced to the full extent permitted by law.

**20.2 Interest on Past-Due Obligations.** Except as expressly herein provided, any amount due to Landlord not paid when due shall bear interest at a rate equal to the Prime Rate plus 5%. For purposes hereof, the "Prime Rate" shall be the per annum interest rate as published in the Wall Street Journal as of the date of the payment in question (reflected as the "Latest Prime Rate" at [http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2\\_3020-moneyrate.html](http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/2_3020-moneyrate.html)). Payment of such interest shall not excuse or cure any default by Tenant under this Lease.

**20.3 Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to the obligations to be performed under this Lease.

**20.4 Entire Agreement; Amendments.** This instrument, including the exhibits hereto, which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Lease, contains the entire agreement between the parties and all prior negotiations and agreements are merged herein. Tenant hereby acknowledges that neither Landlord nor Landlord's agents have made any representations or warranties with respect to the Building, the Property, or this Lease except as expressly set forth herein, and no rights, easements or licenses are or shall be acquired by Tenant by implication or otherwise unless expressly set forth herein. This Lease may be amended or modified only by a written agreement signed by Landlord and Tenant.

**20.5 Notices.** Any notice required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be given by personal delivery or by certified or registered mail, and shall be deemed sufficiently given if delivered or addressed to Tenant or to Landlord at the address set forth in the Article 1. Mailed notices shall be deemed given upon actual receipt at the address required, or forty-eight hours following deposit in the mail, postage prepaid, whichever first occurs. Either party may by notice to the other specify a different address for notice purposes except that upon Tenant's taking possession of the Property, the Property shall constitute Tenant's address for notice purposes. A copy of all notices required or permitted to be given to Landlord hereunder shall be concurrently transmitted to such party or parties at such addresses as Landlord may from time to time hereafter designate by notice to Tenant.

## **20.6 Waivers; Modifications.**

(a) No failure by Landlord to insist upon the strict performance of any obligation of Tenant under this Lease or to exercise any right, power or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, no acceptance of full or partial Rent or Additional Rent during the continuance of any such breach, and no acceptance of the keys to or possession of the Property prior to the expiration of the Term by any employee or agent of Landlord shall constitute a waiver of any such breach or of such term, covenant or condition or operate as a surrender of this Lease.

(b) Neither this Lease nor any term or provisions hereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated orally, and no breach thereof shall be waived, altered or modified, except by a written instrument signed by the party against which the enforcement of the change, waiver, discharge or termination is sought. No waiver of any breach shall affect or alter this Lease, but each and every term, covenant and condition of this Lease shall continue in full force and effect with respect to any other then-existing or subsequent breach thereof. The consent of Landlord given in any instance under the terms of this Lease shall not relieve Tenant of any obligation to secure the consent of Landlord in any other or future instance under the terms of this Lease.

**20.7 Recording.** This Lease shall not be recorded without Landlord's consent. However, either Landlord or Tenant may, upon request of the other execute, acknowledge and deliver to the requesting party a "short form" memorandum of this Lease for recording purposes if the non-requesting party consents to the recording of such memorandum.

**20.8 Holding Over.** Tenant shall vacate the Property upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for and indemnify, defend and hold Landlord harmless against all damages, liabilities and costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, incurred by Landlord from any delay by Tenant in vacating the Property. If Tenant, with Landlord's consent, remains in possession of the Property or any part thereof after the expiration of the Term, such occupancy shall be a tenancy from month to month upon all the provisions of this Lease pertaining to the obligations of Tenant, except that the Rent payable shall be two hundred percent (200%) of the Rent payable immediately preceding the Termination Date of this Lease. Any holding over without Landlord's consent shall constitute a default by Tenant and entitle Landlord to exercise any or all of its remedies provided hereunder, notwithstanding that Landlord may elect to accept one or more payments of Rent from Tenant.

**20.9 Cumulative Remedies.** No remedy or election hereunder shall be deemed exclusive but shall, wherever possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.

**20.10 Covenants and Conditions.** Each provision of this Lease performable by Tenant shall be deemed both a covenant and a condition.

**20.11 Binding Effect; Choice of Law.** Subject to any provisions hereof restricting assignment or subletting by Tenant, this Lease shall bind the parties, their personal representatives, successors and assigns. This Lease shall be governed by the laws of the State where the Property is located and any litigation concerning this Lease between the parties hereto shall be initiated in county in which the Property is located.

## **20.12 Subordination.**

(a) This Lease, and any Option or right of first refusal granted hereby, at Landlord's option, shall be subordinate to any ground lease, mortgage, deed of trust, or any other hypothecation or security now or hereafter placed upon the Property and to any and all advances made on the security thereof and to all renewals, modifications, consolidations, replacements and extensions thereof. Notwithstanding such subordination, Tenant's right to quiet possession of the Property shall not be disturbed if Tenant is not in default and so long as Tenant shall pay the Rent and observe and perform all of the provisions of this Lease, unless this Lease is

otherwise terminated pursuant to its terms. If any mortgagee, trustee or ground Landlord shall elect to have this Lease and any Options granted hereby prior to the lien of its mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, and shall give written notice thereof to Tenant, this Lease and such Options shall be deemed prior to such mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, whether this Lease or such Options are dated prior or subsequent to the date of said mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease or the date of recording thereof.

(b) Tenant agrees to execute any documents required to effectuate an attornment, a subordination, or to make this Lease or any Option granted herein prior to the lien of any mortgage, deed of trust or ground lease, as the case may be. Tenant's failure to execute such documents within ten (10) days after written demand shall constitute a material default by Tenant hereunder without further notice to Tenant or, at Landlord's option, Landlord shall execute such documents on behalf of Tenant as Tenant's attorney-in-fact. Tenant does make, constitute and irrevocably appoint Landlord as Tenant's attorney-in-fact and in Tenant's name, place and stead, to execute such documents in accordance with this Section 19.12.

**20.13 Attorney's Fees.** In the event that either Landlord or Tenant fails to perform any of its obligations under this Lease or in the event a dispute arises concerning the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Lease, the defaulting party or the party not prevailing in such dispute, as the case may be, shall pay any and all costs and expenses incurred by the other party in enforcing or establishing its rights hereunder, including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

**20.14 Waiver of Jury Trial.** LANDLORD AND TENANT VOLUNTARILY, KNOWINGLY, IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO HAVE A JURY PARTICIPATE IN RESOLVING ANY DISPUTE (WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) THEM ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THIS LEASE. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO LANDLORD TO ENTER INTO THIS LEASE. TENANT REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS TO LANDLORD THAT IT HAS CONSULTED WITH AND BEEN COUNSELED BY COMPETENT COUNSEL CONCERNING THE WAIVER SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION AND HAS KNOWINGLY MADE SUCH WAIVER.

**20.15 Landlord's Access.**

(a) Landlord reserves (for itself, its Property Manager, and any other designated agent, representative, employee or contractor) the right to enter the Property at all reasonable times and, except in cases of emergency, after giving Tenant reasonable notice, to inspect the Property, to supply any service to be provided by Landlord hereunder, to show the Property to prospective purchasers, mortgagees or, during the last year of the Term of this Lease, Tenants, to post notices of nonresponsibility, and to alter, improve or repair the Property and any portion thereof, without abatement of Rent or Additional Rent, and may for that purpose erect, use and maintain necessary structures in and through the Property, where reasonably required by the character of the work to be performed, provided that the entrance to the Property shall not be blocked thereby, and further provided that the business of Tenant shall not be interfered with unreasonably. Tenant waives any claim for damages for any injury or inconvenience to or interference with Tenant's business, any loss of occupancy or quiet enjoyment of the Property or any other loss occasioned thereby. All locks for all of the doors in, upon and about the Property, excluding Tenant's vaults and safes or special security areas (designated in advance in writing by Tenant) shall at all times be keyed to the Building master system and Landlord shall at all times have and retain a key with which to unlock all of said doors. Landlord shall have the right to use any and all means that Landlord may deem necessary or proper to open said doors in an emergency in order to obtain entry to any portion of the Property, and any entry to the Property or portions thereof obtained by Landlord by any of said means, or otherwise, shall not under any circumstances be construed or deemed to be a forcible or unlawful entry into, or a detainer of, the Property, or an eviction, actual or constructive, of Tenant from the Property or any portion thereof.

(b) Without limitation of the provisions of Section 19.15(a) above, Landlord and its authorized agents and representative shall be entitled to enter the Property at all reasonable times during business hours for the purpose of exhibiting the same to prospective purchasers and, during the final ninety (90) days of the Term, Landlord shall be entitled to exhibit the Property for hire or for rent and to display thereon in such manner as will not unreasonably interfere with Tenant's business the usual "For Rent" or "For Lease" signs, and such signs shall remain unmolested on the Property.

**20.16 Signs.** Subject to Landlord's prior right to approve same which will not be unreasonably withheld, and subject to all applicable laws and ordinances governing same, Tenant shall have the right at its sole cost to install an identification sign on the exterior of the Property. If Landlord installs any outside monument or other signage, Tenant shall have the right to include its name and identification on such sign at its sole cost and expense and be given largest area for signage provided Tenant is the largest occupant in the Building. Tenant shall also be allowed to erect signage on the Building facing Western Avenue at its cost, with size and design to be approved prior by Landlord, which will not be unreasonably withheld, and subject to all applicable laws and ordinances governing same. Tenant shall not place any additional signage upon the Property without Landlord's prior written consent.

**20.17 Merger.** The voluntary or other surrender of this Lease by Tenant, or a mutual cancellation thereof, or a termination by Landlord, shall not work a merger, and shall, at the option of Landlord, terminate all or any existing subtenancies or may, at the option of Landlord, operate as an assignment to Landlord of any or all of such subtenancies.

**20.18 Quiet Possession.** Tenant, upon paying the Rent due hereunder and performing all of its obligations under this Lease, shall have quiet possession and peaceful enjoyment of the Property for the entire Term subject to all of the provisions of this Lease.

**20.19 Authority.** If Tenant is a corporation or a limited liability company, Tenant and each of the persons executing this Lease on behalf of Tenant does hereby represent and warrant as follows: Tenant is an entity duly formed and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of organization and qualified to do business in the State of Illinois. Tenant has the power, legal capacity and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Lease and no approval or consent of any person is required in connection with the execution and performance hereof. The execution and performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease will not result in or constitute any default or event that would be, or with notice or the lapse of time would be, a default, breach or violation of the organizational instruments governing Tenant or any agreement or any order or decree of any court or other governmental authority to which Tenant is a party or to which it is subject. Tenant has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Lease and this Lease constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of Tenant. Upon Landlord's request, Tenant shall provide Landlord with evidence reasonably satisfactory to Landlord confirming the foregoing representations and warranties.

**20.20 Security Measures.** Tenant acknowledges that Landlord shall have no obligation whatsoever to provide guard service or other security measures for the benefit of the Property. Tenant assumes all responsibility for the protection of Tenant, its agents, and invitees and the property of Tenant and of Tenant's agents and invitees from acts of third parties. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Landlord, at Landlord's sole option, from providing security protection for the Property or any part thereof, in which event the cost thereof shall be included within the definition of Operating Expenses.

**20.21 Lender Modification.** Tenant agrees to make such reasonable modifications to this Lease as may be reasonably required by an institutional lender in connection with the obtaining of normal financing or refinancing of the Property.

**20.22 Work Letter.** This Lease is supplemented by the Work Letter attached hereto as **Exhibit C**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

**20.23 Accord and Satisfaction.** No endorsement or statement on any check or letter of Tenant shall be deemed an accord and satisfaction or otherwise recognized for any purpose whatsoever. The acceptance of any such check or payment shall be without prejudice to Landlord's right to recover any and all amounts owed by Tenant hereunder and Landlord's right to pursue any other available remedy. Landlord is entitled to accept, receive and cash or deposit any payment made by Tenant for any reason or purpose or in any amount whatsoever, and apply the same at Landlord's option to any obligation of Tenant and the same shall not constitute payment of any amount owed except that to which Landlord has applied the same.

**20.24 Guaranty.** As additional security for the prompt, full and faithful performance of each and every obligation of Tenant hereunder, said obligations have been guaranteed by the "Guarantor" described in Article 1 above pursuant to the Guaranty of Lease attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

**20.25 Electronic Delivery; Counterparts.** This Agreement and any signed agreement or instrument entered into in connection with this Agreement, and any amendments hereto or thereto, may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Any such counterpart, to the extent delivered by means of a facsimile machine or by .pdf, .tif, .gif, .peg or similar attachment to electronic mail (any such delivery, an "Electronic Delivery") shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original executed counterpart and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto, each other party hereto or thereto shall re-execute the original form of this Agreement and deliver such form to all other parties. No party hereto shall raise the use of Electronic Delivery to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of Electronic Delivery as a defense to the formation of a contract and each such party forever waives any such defense, except to the extent such defense relates to lack of authenticity.

**20.26 Confidentiality.** Landlord, Tenant, and their respective representatives shall hold in strictest confidence all data and information obtained with respect to the Lease, whether obtained before or after the execution and delivery of this Lease, and shall not disclose the same to others; provided, however, that it is understood and agreed that the Parties may disclose such data and information to their employees, consultants, lenders, accountants as necessary to perform their respective obligations hereunder. In the event this Lease is terminated by either Party, all statements, documents, schedules, exhibits or other written information obtained in connection with this Lease shall be returned to the respective Party. The terms of this paragraph shall not apply to information that is otherwise available to the public.

**20.27 Attachments.** Attached hereto are the following documents which constitute a part of this Lease:

Exhibit A	Rules and Regulations for Office Lease
Exhibit B	Commencement Date Agreement
Exhibit C	Work Letter Agreement
Exhibit D	Guaranty of Lease

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

**Signature Page**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this Office Lease as of the dates following the parties' signatures below (the last of which dates shall be the Commencement Date of this Lease).

**LANDLORD:**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**TENANT:**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC,**  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OFFICE LEASE**

Tenant shall faithfully observe and comply with the following Rules and Regulations.

7. Tenant shall not alter any locks or install any new or additional locks or bolts on any doors or windows of the Property without obtaining Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant shall bear the cost of any lock changes or repairs required by Tenant, and Tenant shall at all times make sure that landlord has keys to the Property.

8. Tenant, its employees and agents must be sure that the doors to the Property are securely closed and locked when leaving the Property if it is after the normal hours of business of the Property. In case of invasion, mob, riot, public excitement, or other commotion, Landlord reserves the right to prevent access to the Property during the continuance thereof by any means it deems appropriate for the safety and protection of life and property.

9. No furniture, freight or equipment of any kind shall be brought into the Property without Landlord's prior authorization, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. All moving activity into or out of the Property shall be scheduled with Landlord and done only at such time and in such manner as Landlord reasonably designates. Landlord shall have the right to reasonably prescribe the weight, size and position of all safes and other heavy property brought into the Property and also the times and manner of moving the same in and out of the Property. Safes and other heavy objects shall, if considered reasonably necessary by Landlord, stand on supports of such thickness as is necessary to properly distribute the weight, and Tenant shall be solely responsible for the cost of installing all supports. Landlord will not be responsible for loss of or damage to any such safe or property in any case. Any damage to any part of the Property, its contents, occupants or visitors by moving or maintaining any such safe or other property shall be the sole responsibility and expense of Tenant.

10. The requirements of Tenant will be attended to only upon application at the office designated by Landlord. Tenant shall not ask employees of Landlord to do anything outside their regular duties without special authorization from Landlord.

11. Tenant, its employees and agents shall not loiter in or on the entrances, corridors, sidewalks, lobbies, halls, stairways, elevators or any landscaped areas for the purpose of smoking tobacco products or for any other purpose, nor in any way obstruct such areas, and shall use them only as a means of ingress and egress for the Property. Smoking shall not be permitted in or on the Property.

12. The toilet rooms, urinals and wash bowls shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which they were constructed, and no foreign substance of any kind whatsoever shall be thrown therein.

13. Tenant shall not use or keep in or on the Property any kerosene, gasoline or other inflammable or combustible fluid or material.

14. Tenant shall not use, keep or permit to be used or kept, any foul or noxious gas or substance in or on the Property, or permit or allow the Property to be occupied or used in a manner offensive or objectionable to Landlord or other occupants of the Property by reason of noise, odors, or vibrations, or to otherwise interfere in any way with the use of the Property.

15. No cooking shall be done or permitted on the Property, nor shall the Property be used for the storage of merchandise, for loading or for any improper, objectionable or immoral purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Underwriters' Laboratory approved equipment and microwave ovens may

be used in the Property for heating food and brewing coffee, tea, hot chocolate and similar beverages for employees and visitors of Tenant, provided that such use is in accordance with all applicable federal, state and city laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations; and provided further that such cooking does not result in odors escaping from the Property.

16. Landlord shall have the right to approve where and how telephone wires are to be introduced to the Property. No boring or cutting for wires shall be allowed without the consent of Landlord, not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The location of telephone call boxes and other office equipment affixed to the Property shall be subject to the approval of Landlord. Except for the hanging of art work, bulletin boards and the like, Tenant shall not mark, drive nails or screws, or drill into the partitions, woodwork or plaster contained in the Property or in any way deface the Property or any part thereof without Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant shall not install any radio or television antenna, satellite dish, loudspeaker or other device on the roof or exterior walls of the Property. Tenant shall not interfere with broadcasting or reception from or in the Property or elsewhere.

16. Tenant shall comply with all safety, fire protection and evacuation procedures and regulations established by Landlord or any governmental agency.

17. No awnings or other projection shall be attached to the outside walls or windows of the Project by Tenant. No curtains, blinds, shades or screens shall be attached to or hung in any window or door of the Property without the prior written consent of Landlord. All electrical ceiling fixtures hung in the Property must be fluorescent and/or of a quality, type, design and bulb color approved by Landlord. Tenant shall abide by Landlord's regulations concerning the opening and closing of window coverings which are attached to the windows in the Property. The skylights, windows, and doors that reflect or admit light and air into the halls, passageways or other public places in the Property shall not be covered or obstructed by Tenant, nor shall any bottles, parcels or other articles be placed on the windowsills.

#### **PARKING RULES**

4. Parking areas shall be used only for parking by vehicles no longer than full size, passenger automobiles herein called "Permitted Size Vehicles."

5. Tenant shall not permit or allow any vehicles that belong to or are controlled by Tenant or Tenant's employees, suppliers, shippers, customers, or invitees to be loaded, unloaded, or parked in areas other than those designated by Landlord for such activities. Users of the parking area will obey all posted signs and park only in the areas designated for vehicle parking.

6. Parking stickers or identification devices, if any, shall be the property of Landlord and shall be returned to Landlord by the holder thereof upon termination of the holder's parking privileges. Tenant will pay such replacement charges as is reasonably established by Landlord for the loss of such devices. Loss or theft of parking identification stickers or devices from automobiles must be reported to the parking operator immediately. Any parking identification stickers or devices reported lost or stolen found on any unauthorized car will be confiscated and the illegal holder will be subject to prosecution.

4. Unless otherwise instructed, every person using the parking area is required to park and lock his own vehicle. Landlord will not be responsible for any damage to vehicles, injury to persons or loss of property, all of which risks are assumed by the party using the parking area.

5. Validation of visitor parking, if established, will be permissible only by such method or methods as Landlord may establish at rates determined by Landlord, in Landlord's sole discretion.

9. The maintenance, washing, waxing or cleaning of vehicles in the parking structure is prohibited.

10. No vehicles shall be parked in the parking lot overnight. The parking lot shall only be used for daily parking and no vehicle or other property shall be stored in a parking space.

Landlord reserves the right at any time to change or rescind any one or more of these Rules and Regulations, or to make such other and further reasonable Rules and Regulation as in Landlord's commercially reasonable judgment may from time to time be necessary for the management, safety, care and cleanliness of the Property, and for the preservation of good order therein, as well as for the convenience of other occupants and tenants therein. Landlord may waive any one or more of these Rules and Regulations for the benefit of any particular tenant, but no such waiver by Landlord shall be construed as a waiver of such Rules and Regulations in favor of any other tenant, nor prevent Landlord from thereafter enforcing any such Rules or Regulations.

**EXHIBIT B**

**COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT**

THIS COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, between **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (as "**Landlord**") and **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (as "**Tenant**").

**BACKGROUND:**

A. Landlord and Tenant entered into a certain Office Lease dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 (the "Lease") for the property at 222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL.

B. Landlord has performed certain construction activities for the benefit of Tenant pursuant to the terms of the Lease.

C. Landlord and Tenant desire to memorialize the Commencement Date and certain other terms of the Lease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meaning as set forth in the Lease.
2. Notwithstanding any provision of the Lease to the contrary:
  - (a) The Commencement Date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (b) The Possession Date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (c) The Rent Commencement Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.
  - (d) The Expiration Date shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this COMMENCEMENT DATE AGREEMENT as of the dates following the parties' signatures below.

**LANDLORD:**

**Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**TENANT:**

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**,  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**EXHIBIT D****GUARANTY OF LEASE**

WHEREAS, **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company ("Lessee") is party to a Office Lease dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, in which **Meridian Investment Partners, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company is the lessor ("Lessor"); and

WHEREAS, **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC**, an Illinois limited liability company (the "Guarantor") is affiliated with the Lessee, and desires that Lessor enter into the Lease described below, which lease transaction will benefit Guarantor;

NOW THEREFORE, for value received and other financial and accommodations from time to time afforded to the Lessee by Lessor, the undersigned Guarantor unconditionally guaranties the full and prompt payment and performance to Lessor of any and all obligations and liabilities of every kind and nature of Lessee to the Lessor, however created, arising or evidenced, whether now existing or hereafter created or arising, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or joint or several, due or to become due and howsoever owned, held or acquired, including, but not limited to, the full and prompt payment and performance of the terms and conditions of that certain Office Lease dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 related to the premises at 222 VOLLMER RD, FIRST FLOOR, Chicago Heights, IL 60805 (the "Lease") and all of the rent, taxes, assessments and utilities, and other liabilities of Lessee under the Lease. Guarantor further agrees to pay all costs and expenses, legal or otherwise (including, but not limited to, court costs and attorney's fees), paid or incurred by Lessor in endeavoring to collect such indebtedness, obligations and liabilities, or any part thereof, and in enforcing this Guaranty (including, but not limited to, any attorneys' fees and costs in connection with any bankruptcy proceeding of Lessee or of the Guarantor).

This Guaranty shall be a continuing, absolute and unconditional guaranty, and shall remain in full force and effect until all rent, taxes, assessments and utilities and other liabilities under the Lease shall be fully paid and satisfied. In case of any Event of Default (as defined in the Lease), death, incompetency, dissolution, liquidation or insolvency (however evidenced) of, or the institution of any receivership proceeding or proceeding under the bankruptcy laws by either the Lessee or Guarantor, or the institution of any involuntary bankruptcy petition against Lessee or the Guarantor which shall not have been dismissed or withdrawn within 60 days after filing, any or all of the indebtedness hereby guaranteed then existing shall, at the option of Lessor, immediately become due and payable from Guarantor. Notwithstanding the occurrence of any such event, this Guaranty shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

The rent, taxes assessments and utilities guaranteed hereunder shall in no event be affected or impaired by any of the following (any of which may be done or omitted by Lessor from time to time, without notice to Guarantor): (a) any sale, pledge, surrender, compromise, settlement, release extension, indulgence, alteration, substitution, change in, modification or other disposition of any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities, or other liabilities, whether express or implied, or of any contract or contracts evidencing any thereof, or of any security or collateral therefor; (b) any acceptance by Lessor of any security for, or other guarantors upon any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities; (c) any failure, neglect or omission on the part of Lessor to realize upon or protect any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, or any collateral or security therefor, or to exercise any lien upon or right of appropriation of any moneys, credits or property of Lessee possessed by Lessor, toward

the liquidation of said indebtedness, obligations or liabilities; (d) any application of payments or credits by Lessor; (e) any release or discharge in whole or in part of any other guarantor of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities; or (f) any act of commission or omission of any kind or at any time upon the part of Lessor with respect to any matter whatsoever. Lessor shall have the sole and exclusive right to determine how, when and to what extent application of payments and credits, if any, shall be made on said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, or any part of them. In order to hold Guarantor liable hereunder, there shall be no obligation on the part of Lessor at any time to resort for payment to Lessee or other persons or corporations, their properties or estates, or resort to any collateral, security, property, liens or other rights or remedies whatsoever.

Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that its liability pursuant to this Guaranty shall be and is joint and several with any other guaranty of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities by any other person or entity, whether any such other guaranty now exists or hereinafter arises. Guarantor expressly waives presentment, protest, demand, notice of dishonor or default, and notice of acceptance of this Guaranty. Guarantor waives any claim to indemnification, reimbursement, contribution or subrogation from Lessee of any of said rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities for any amount paid by the Guarantor pursuant to this or any other guaranty.

Lessor may without notice to the Guarantor, sell, assign or transfer all of its rights in and to the payments set forth in the Lease for rent, taxes, assessments and utilities and other liabilities, or any part thereof, and in that event, each and every immediate and successive assignee, transferee or holder of all or any part of said right to rent, taxes, assessments and utilities or other liabilities, shall have the right to enforce this Guaranty, by suit or otherwise, for the benefit of such assignee, transferee or holder, as fully as if such assignee, transferee or holder were herein by name specifically given such rights, powers and benefits.

No delay on the part of Lessor in the exercise of any right or remedy under any agreement (including but not limited to the Lease or this Guaranty) shall operate as a waiver thereof, including, but not limited to, any delay in the enforcement of any security interest, and no single or partial exercise by Lessor of any right or remedy shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

This Guaranty shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts wholly executed and performed within the boundaries of that state. Wherever possible each provision of this Guaranty shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Guaranty shall be prohibited by or invalid under such law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Guaranty. The recitals set out above are incorporated herein as an integral part of this Guaranty. This Guaranty shall be binding upon the Guarantor and its successors and assigns.

Guarantor represents and warrants to Lessor that: (a) the execution and delivery of this Guaranty, does not and will not contravene or conflict with any provisions of (i) law, rule, regulation or ordinance or (ii) any agreement binding upon the Guarantor or its properties, as the case may be; and (b) this Guaranty is the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Guarantor, enforceable against Guarantor in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and except as the availability of equitable remedies is subject to judicial discretion; and (c) the financial statements and other information submitted by the Guarantor to the Lessor accurately present the financial condition of Guarantor as of the date stated therein and there have been no material adverse changes in such financial conditions since those dates.

All notices and other communications required or permitted to be given to Guarantor or to Lessor shall be done in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Lease and in the case of Guarantor to the address set forth below the signature line of this Guaranty. Guarantor acknowledges, agrees and consents to the terms and conditions of the Lease, copies of which have been received by it. Guarantor acknowledges that it has reviewed the Lease, and that Lessor has recommended to Guarantor that it be advised by counsel in connection with the terms, execution and delivery of this Guaranty.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

THIS GUARANTY OF LEASE HAS BEEN SIGNED AND DELIVERED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC,**  
an Illinois limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

*Address For Notice Purposes:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned, being a Notary Public in and for said State and County, certify that \_\_\_\_\_ did appear before me this day in person and subscribed his/her name to this GUARANTY OF LEASE as the Manager/Member of **DIALYSIS CARE CENTER HOLDINGS, LLC**, as his/her free and voluntary act and as the free and voluntary act of said company for the uses and purposes herein set forth. Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Notary Public]

**Section 1, Identification, General Information, and certification**

**SECTION IX. 1120.130 - ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY**

**Financial Viability Waiver**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded entirely with cash and cash equivalents, thereby meeting the criteria for the financial waiver.

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**  
**Reasonableness of Financing Arrangement**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded entirely with cash and cash equivalents, thereby meeting the criteria for the financial waiver

Attachment 36 is a letter attesting that the total estimated project costs will be funded entirely with cash.

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**  
Reasonableness of Financing Arrangement

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery:

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I hereby certify the following:

- Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded through cash and cash equivalents, a lease, and no debt financing to be used
- Dialysis Care Center maintains sufficient cash and short term securities to fund this project; and
- The expenses to be incurred through the lease of space and selected equipment are less than those associated with the construction of a new facility or the purchase of equipment.

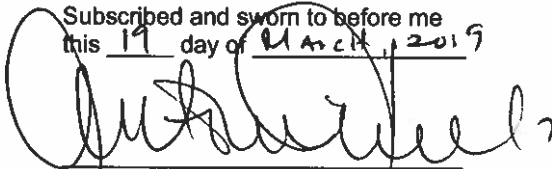
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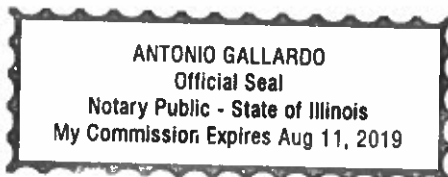
Asim M Shazzad  
Chief Operating Officer

Notarization:

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19 day of March, 2019



Signature of Notary



**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**

**Conditions of Debt financing**

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded entirely with cash and cash equivalents; Accordingly, this criterion is not applicable.

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**

Criterion 1120.310 (c) Reasonableness of project and related cost

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be funded entirely with cash and cash equivalents, thereby meeting the criteria for the financial waiver

COST AND GROSS SQUARE FEET BY DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE									
Department (list below)	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Cost (G + H)
	Cost/Square Foot New	Mod.	Gross Sq. Ft. New	Circ.*	Gross Sq. Ft. Mod.	Circ.*	Const. \$ (A x C)	Mod. \$ (B x E)	
ESRD		\$150.41			7,280			\$1,094,984.80	\$1,094,984.80
Contingency		\$12.03			7,280			\$87,598.78	\$87,598.78
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$162.44</b>			<b>7,280</b>			<b>\$1,182,583.58</b>	<b>\$1,182,583.58</b>

These projected costs are below the state standards.

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**

Criterion 1120.310 (d) Project Operating cost

**FMV OF LEASE****Fair Market Value Leased Space  
DCC Chicago Heights**

Initial Base rent + CAM	Year 1-5	\$	15.00
	Year 6-10	\$	16.50
Escalation			0.0%
Rentable square feet			7280
Term			10
Discount Rate			5%

	Annual Rent	Discount Factor	Present Value of Rent
Year 1	\$ 109,200	0.9524	\$ 104,002.08
Year 2	\$ 109,200	0.907	\$ 99,044.40
Year 3	\$ 109,200	0.8638	\$ 94,326.96
Year 4	\$ 109,200	0.8227	\$ 89,838.84
Year 5	\$ 109,200	0.7835	\$ 85,558.20
Year 6	\$ 120,120	0.7462	\$ 89,633.54
Year 7	\$ 120,120	0.7107	\$ 85,369.28
Year 8	\$ 120,120	0.6768	\$ 81,297.22
Year 9	\$ 120,120	0.6446	\$ 77,429.35
Year 10	\$ 120,120	0.6139	\$ 73,741.67

FMV of Lease	<u><u>\$ 880,241.54</u></u>
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## Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility

Criterion 1120.310 (d) Proforma



Proforma			
Summarized Profit and Loss Statement			
[CHICAGO HEIGHTS]			
	INCEPTION	YE 1	YE 2
Total Patients	5	56	68
Total Treatments	726	8131	9874
Revenue	\$ 193,552	\$ 2,238,803	\$ 2,808,407
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Personnel	556,000.00	823,603.53	991,135.55
Total Supplies	47,190.00	540,155.62	657,828.60
Total Facilities Expenses	442,143.73	604,801.15	645,099.85
Total Intial Fees	5,025.00	-	-
Depreciation	54,657.14	54,657.14	54,657.14
Amortization of Leasehold Inr	11,666.67	11,666.67	11,666.67
Overhead-3% of Rev	5,806.55	67,164.10	84,252.20
Write Offs - 1% of Rev	1,935.52	22,388.03	28,084.07
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,124,424.60</b>	<b>2,124,436.24</b>	<b>2,472,724.07</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Operations</b>	<b>(930,873.00)</b>	<b>114,367.14</b>	<b>335,682.56</b>
Percent Profit	-481%	5%	12%

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**  
Criterion 1120.310 (D) Project Operating cost**Operating Cost Year 2**

Operating Expense	2,294,064.00
# Treatments	9874
Operating Cost/Treatment	232.34

Attachment 37

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility**

Criterion 1120.310 (e) Total Effect of the project on capital costs

**Project operating cost, Year 2**

Depreciation/Amortization	66,323.81
# Treatments	9874
Capital/Treatment	6.72

Attachment 37

**Section IX. Financial and economic Feasibility****Expected Payor Mix**

Please find end of year 2 estimated expectations.

<b>Payor Mix</b>	<b># of Patients</b>	<b>% of Revenues</b>
Medicare	49	64%
Medicaid	14	2%
Commercial	5	34%
	<b>68</b>	<b>100%</b>

**SECTION X. SAFETY NET IMPACT STATEMENT**

The establishment of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will not have any impact on safety net services in the Chicago Heights area. Outpatient dialysis facilities services are not typically considered or viewed as "safety net" services. As a result, the presence of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights as a provider is not expected to alter the way any other healthcare providers function in the community.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights has no reason to believe that this project would have any adverse impact on any provider or health care system to cross-subsidize safety net services.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be committed to providing ESRD services to all patients with or without insurance or patients to no regards for source of payment. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will not refuse any patients. Medicaid patients wishing to be served at Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will not be denied services. Because of the Medicare guidelines for qualification for ESRD, a few patients' with ESRD are left uninsured for their care.

**SECTION XI. CHARITY CARE INFORMATION**

The policy of Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights is to provide services to all patients regardless of race, color, national origin. Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will provide services to patients with or without insurance and as well as patients who may require assistance in determining source of payment. Dialysis Care Center will not refuse any patient. Medicaid patients wishing to be served will not be denied services. Through Medicare guidelines, patients who are prequalified for ESRD or for the few that are currently ESRD status and are left uninsured, Dialysis Care Center will be committed to providing continued care.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be committed to work with any patient to try and find any financial resources and any programs for which they may qualify for.

Dialysis Care Center will be an "open dialysis unit" meaning through our policy, any nephrologist will be able to refer their patients and apply for privileges to round at the facility, if they desire.

Dialysis Care Center will participate in American Kidney Fund (AKF) to assist patients with insurance premiums which will be at no cost to the patient.

Currently as Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights will be a new entity there is no current Charity documentation that can be provided to the board, however the Charity policy is attached.

Please find attached our Admission Policy and Charity Policy.

# DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS

## Admission Policy

- I. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define requirements for admission to the Dialysis Care Center (DCC).
- II. Performed by: Medical Director, Program Manager, Program Nurse
- III. Overview: All patients must receive modality education by their referring physician prior to being admitted to the facility. The Program staff will further educate the patient on the modality he/she has chosen. The facility Patient Handbook will also include education on the different treatment modalities and instruct the patient on his/her right to change their treatment modality provided they meet the criteria for that modality and they have discussed this with their physician and the members of the interdisciplinary team (IDT).
- IV. Supplies:
  - A. Assignment of Benefits Form
  - B. Release of information Form
  - C. Admission Agreement
  - D. Consent for Dialysis
  - E. Patient Handbook
- V. Policy:
  - A. All patients referred to DCC will be treated regardless of race, creed, age, sex, color, disability, or national origin.
  - B. In order to develop the admission treatment orders and to identify and address any urgent medical needs prior to the completion of the comprehensive patient assessment by the IDT, the Medical Director, nephrologist or physician extender and the Program Registered Nurse will be responsible for an initial assessment before the initiation of the patient's first dialysis treatment in the facility.
  - C. The initial medical assessment may be completed by review of the patient's medical records or consultation with the referring physician and is not intended to require the medical staff physically see the patient in the facility prior to the first treatment.
  - D. Orders for treatment must be obtained prior to the initial dialysis

treatment. The Registered Nurse will meet with the patient new to dialysis to perform an initial nursing assessment prior to initiation of treatment. The minimum nursing evaluation prior to initiating treatment for a patient new to dialysis will include the following:

- Neurologic: level of alertness, orientation
- Subjective complaints
- Pain status
- Activity: ambulation status, support needs, falls risk
- Access assessment
- Respiratory: description of respirations and lung sounds
- Cardiovascular: heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure, any edema
- Fluid gains
- integumentary: skin color, temperature, and any type/location of wounds

E. All appropriate paperwork must be completed prior to admission and includes receipt of medical and financial record to allow enough time for review by the physician and clinical staff. The following forms must be signed before admission to the facility:

- Assignment of Benefits (AOB)
- Release of Information
- Admission Agreement

F. Hepatitis testing is required prior to admission.

G. Financial approval for the patient's admission will be granted based on the patient's insurance coverage the patient's intent to pursue other assistance programs if indicated. Any individual unable to obtain or ineligible for financial or insurance coverage, or refusing to disclose insurance information will not be granted financial clearance to be admitted to the Program.

H. Copies of insurance coverage are required prior to admission.

I. Prior to initiation of dialysis, a consent form for the specific dialysis treatment modality must be signed by the patient or authorized Caregiver.

VI. Procedure: Please follow the steps in the table below.

1	Review admission policy with appropriate staff to ensure admission process is understood and followed.
2	Obtain and review hepatitis status of patient with the Medical Director, physician or physician extender prior to admission.

3	Obtain patient or authorized caregiver signature on all admission documents including but not limited to the AOB, Release of Information and Consent
4	As certain that the patient has received financial and medical clearance and has been approved for admission to the Program/facility before accepting the patient for treatment.

**VII. References:**

- Federal Register (April 2008). Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Conditions for Coverage, 494.150 Medical Director.

**VIII. Associate Policies:**

- Hemodialysis Consent Policy

# DIALYSIS CARE CENTER CHICAGO HEIGHTS

## Charity Policy

- I. Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to define requirements for admission to the Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC (DCC).
- II. Performed by:** Medical Director, Program Manager, Program Nurse
- III. Policy:**
  - A. Provide care for patients in the community who are economically challenged and/or who are undocumented aliens, who do not qualify for Medicare/Medicaid pursuant to an Indigent Waiver policy.
  - B. Assist patients who do not have insurance in enrolling when possible in Medicaid and/or Medicaid as applicable, and also our social services department assists patients who have issues regarding transportation and/or who are wheel chair bound or have other disabilities which require assistance with respect to dialysis services and transport to and from the unit.
  - C. Provides care to patients who do not qualify for any type of coverage for dialysis services. These patients are considered "self-pay" patients. They are billed for services rendered, and after three statement reminders the charges are written off as bad debt. Collection actions are not initiated unless the applicants are aware that the patient has substantial financial resources available and/or the patient has received reimbursement from an insurer for services we have rendered, and has not submitted the payment for same to the applicants.
  - D. Provide community benefit by supporting various medical education activities and associations, such as the Renal Network and National Kidney Foundation

Attachment 39

**Appendix 1- Physician Referral Letter**

Attached as Appendix 1 is the Medical Director, Dr. Suresh Samson letter, projecting 77 pre-ESRD patients will initiate dialysis within 12 to 24 months of project completion.

After paginating the entire completed application indicate, in the chart below, the page numbers for the included attachments:

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Appendix 1  
Appendix 2

Physician Referral  
Time and Distance

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**KIDNEY CARE CENTER**

Kidney Care Center  
3322 Vollmer Rd  
Olympia Fields, IL, 60461

March 19, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am pleased to support Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights. The proposed 14-station chronic renal dialysis facility, to be located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664.

Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights facility will improve access to necessary dialysis services in the Chicago Heights and the surrounding community.

I have witnessed extreme growth of both population and of ESRD patients in this area. We have many pre-ESRD patients in my practice that I anticipate referring to the Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights. This facility will better serve the growing number of dialysis patients in my practice.

I currently have 110 CKD (3,4) patients in my practice, of these, I expect approximately 30% to expire, regain function, move out of the area or choose home dialysis before dialysis therapy is started. I expect then that approximately 77 of these patients would be referred to Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights facility for dialysis. My partners and I will continue to refer patients to the other area facilities per the patient's place of residence and choice. We are also strong supporters of home dialysis through our home therapies programs and will continue to refer those patients who are good candidates for home dialysis services.

I respectfully ask you to consider the constant growth of ESRD in Chicago Heights and Cook County to approve the Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights facility to maintain access for future dialysis patients.

These patient referrals have not been used to support another pending or approved certificate of need application. I attest that to the best of my knowledge, all the information contained in this letter is true and correct.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr Suresh Samson

Notarization:  
Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary

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Dr Suresh Samson CKD Patient Data

City	Zip Code	Stage 4	Stage 3
Chicago Heights	60411/60412	34	41
Park Forest	60466	5	8
Streger	60475	3	7
Flossmoor	60422	3	9



**Appendix 2- Time and Distance Determination**

Attached as Appendix 2 are the distance and normal travel time from all existing dialysis facilities in the GSA to the proposed facility, as determined by MapQuest.

Appendix 2

3/15/2019

222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1681 to 15 Independence Dr, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-4188 Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

15 Independence Dr, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-4188



**6 MIN | 2.3 MI**


**Est. fuel cost: \$0.23**


Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 1:56 PM on March 15, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy





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222 Vollmer Rd., First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1684

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1. Start out going east on Vollmer Rd toward Dixie Hwy.  
Then 0.08 miles 0.08 total miles
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2. Turn slight right onto Dixie Hwy.  
*If you reach Serena Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.*  
Then 1.45 miles 1.53 total miles
- 

3. Turn slight right onto Chicago Rd/IL-1.  
*Chicago Rd is 0.2 miles past W 10th St.*  
Then 0.77 miles 2.30 total miles
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4. Turn left onto Independence Dr.  
*Independence Dr is just past Hickory St.*  
*If you reach E 18th Pl you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 0.03 miles 2.33 total miles
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5. 15 Independence Dr, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-4188, 15 INDEPENDENCE DR is on the left.  
*If you reach Oak St you've gone a little too far.*

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3/18/2018

222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 177 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1733 Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

177 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1733



**2 MIN | 0.9 MI**


**Est. fuel cost: \$0.09**


Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 1:59 PM on March 18, 2018. Current Traffic: Heavy





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222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

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1. Start out going east on Vollmer Rd toward Dixie Hwy.  
Then 0.06 miles 0.06 total miles
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2. Turn slight right onto Dixie Hwy.  
*If you reach Serena Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.*  
Then 0.63 miles 0.70 total miles
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3. Turn left onto W Joe Orr Rd.  
*If you reach Linden Ln you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 0.13 miles 0.83 total miles
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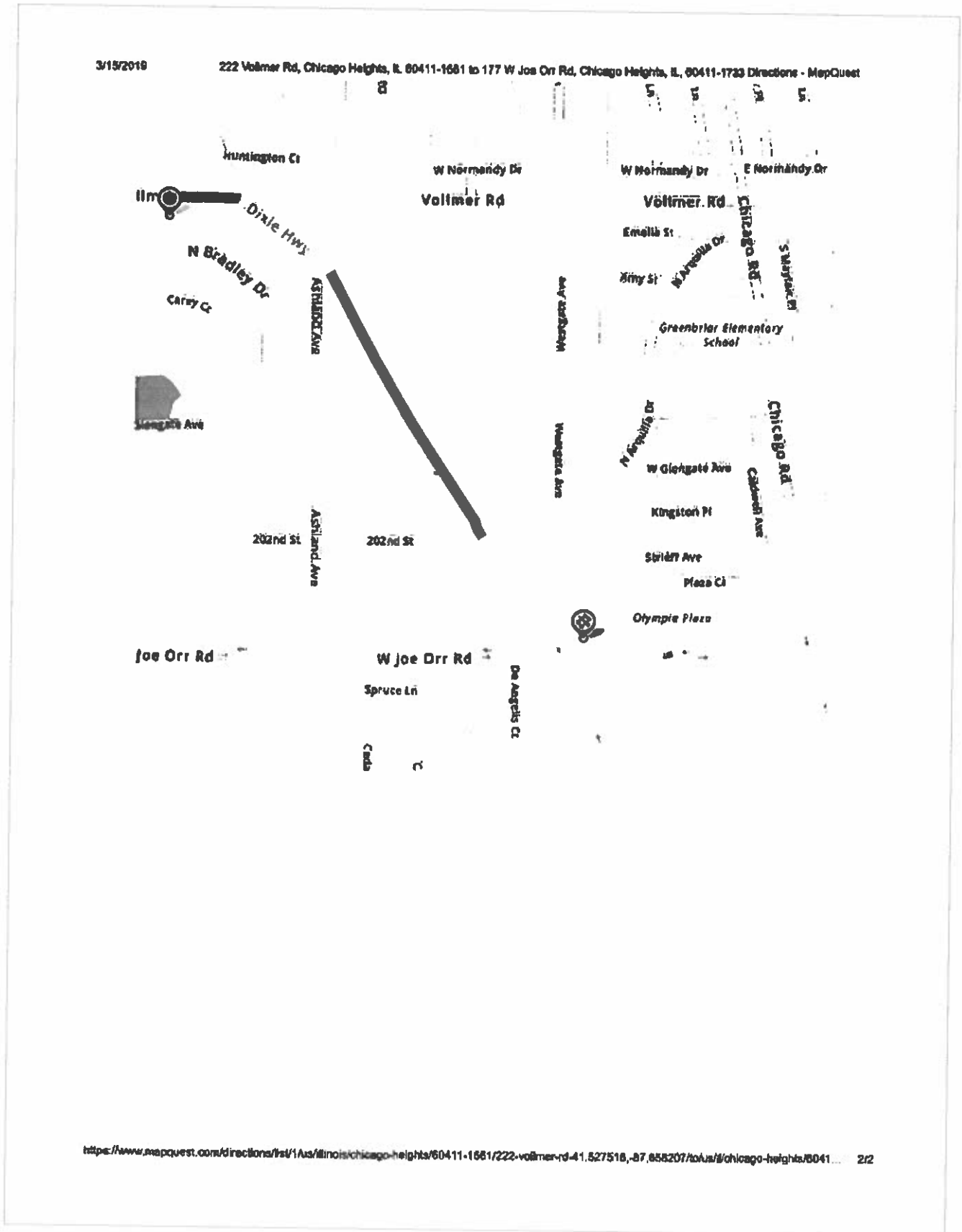
4. Make a U-turn onto W Joe Orr Rd.  
*If you reach Chicago Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 0.10 miles 0.93 total miles
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5. 177 W Joe Orr Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1733, 177 W JOE ORR RD is on the right.  
*If you reach Dixie Hwy you've gone a little too far.*

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3/16/2018

222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to [3825 - 3841] W 167th St, 3999 6d Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

[3825 - 3841] W 167th St, 3999 6d



**14 MIN | 7.1 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.71**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:55 PM on March 16, 2018. Current Traffic: Heavy



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1. Start out going west on Vollmer Rd toward Abbott Ave  
Then 2.66 miles

2.66 total miles



2. Turn right onto Crawford Ave.  
Crawford Ave is 0.2 miles past Traditions Dr.

*If you reach Keystone Ave you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*

Then 4.02 miles

6.67 total miles



3. Turn right onto W 167th St.  
W 167th St is just past 168th St.

*If you reach 167th St you've gone a little too far.*

Then 0.20 miles

7.06 total miles

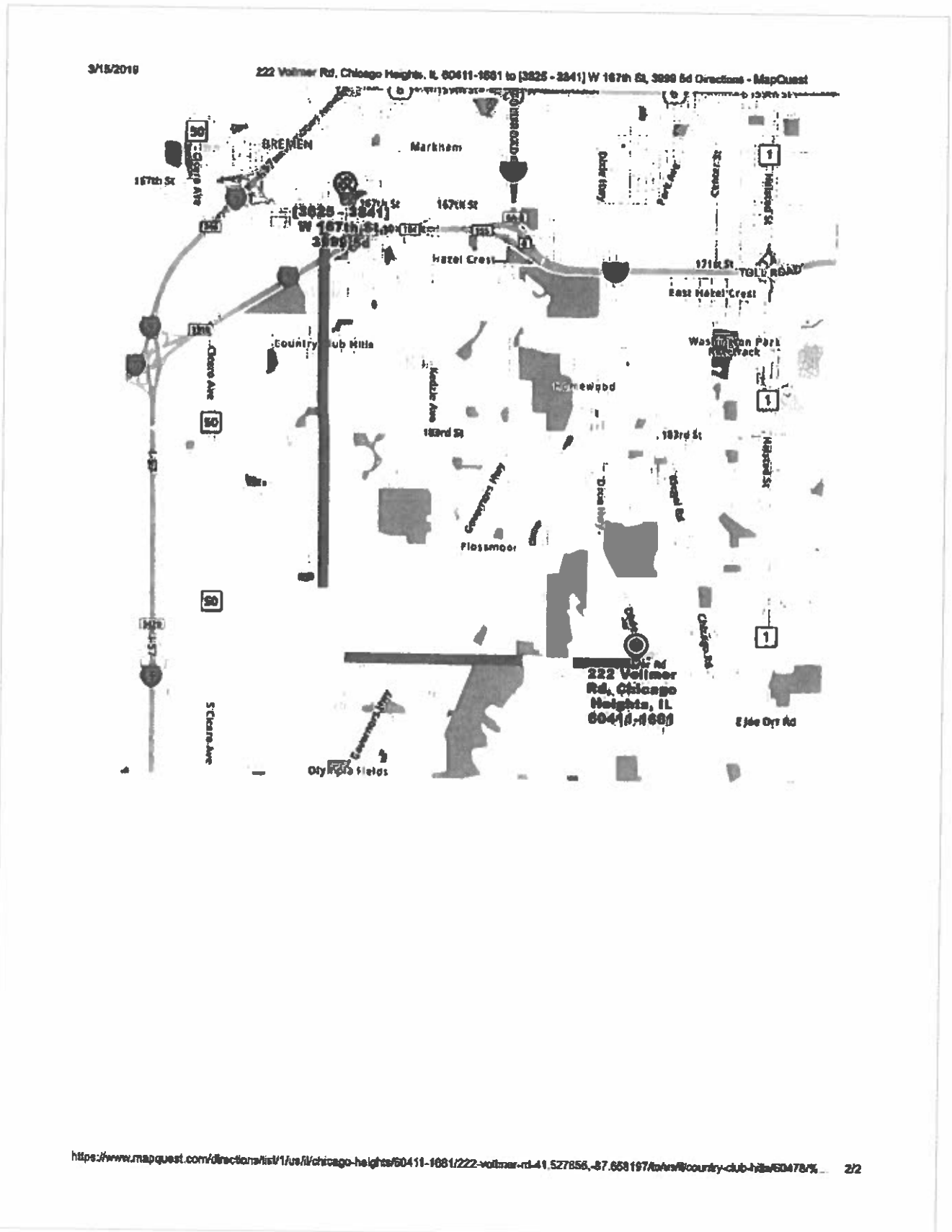


4. [3825 - 3841] W 167TH ST, 3999 6D.  
Your destination is just past Briergate Dr.

*If you reach Hamlin Ave you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Voltmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 16641 Halsted St Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

16641 Halsted St



**11 MIN | 5.3 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.63**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:18 PM on March 16, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy



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222 Voltmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664



1. Start out going east on Voltmer Rd toward Dixie Hwy.

Then 1.17 miles

1.17 total miles



2. Turn left onto S Halsted St/IL-1

*If you reach Glenwood Rd you've gone a little too far.*

Then 4.12 miles

5.29 total miles



3. 16641 HALSTED ST is on the right

*Your destination is just past E 167th St.*

*If you reach E 168th St you've gone a little too far.*



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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 18325 Pulaski Ave Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

18325 Pulaski Ave



**10 MIN | 4.9 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.48**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:11 PM on March 16, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy



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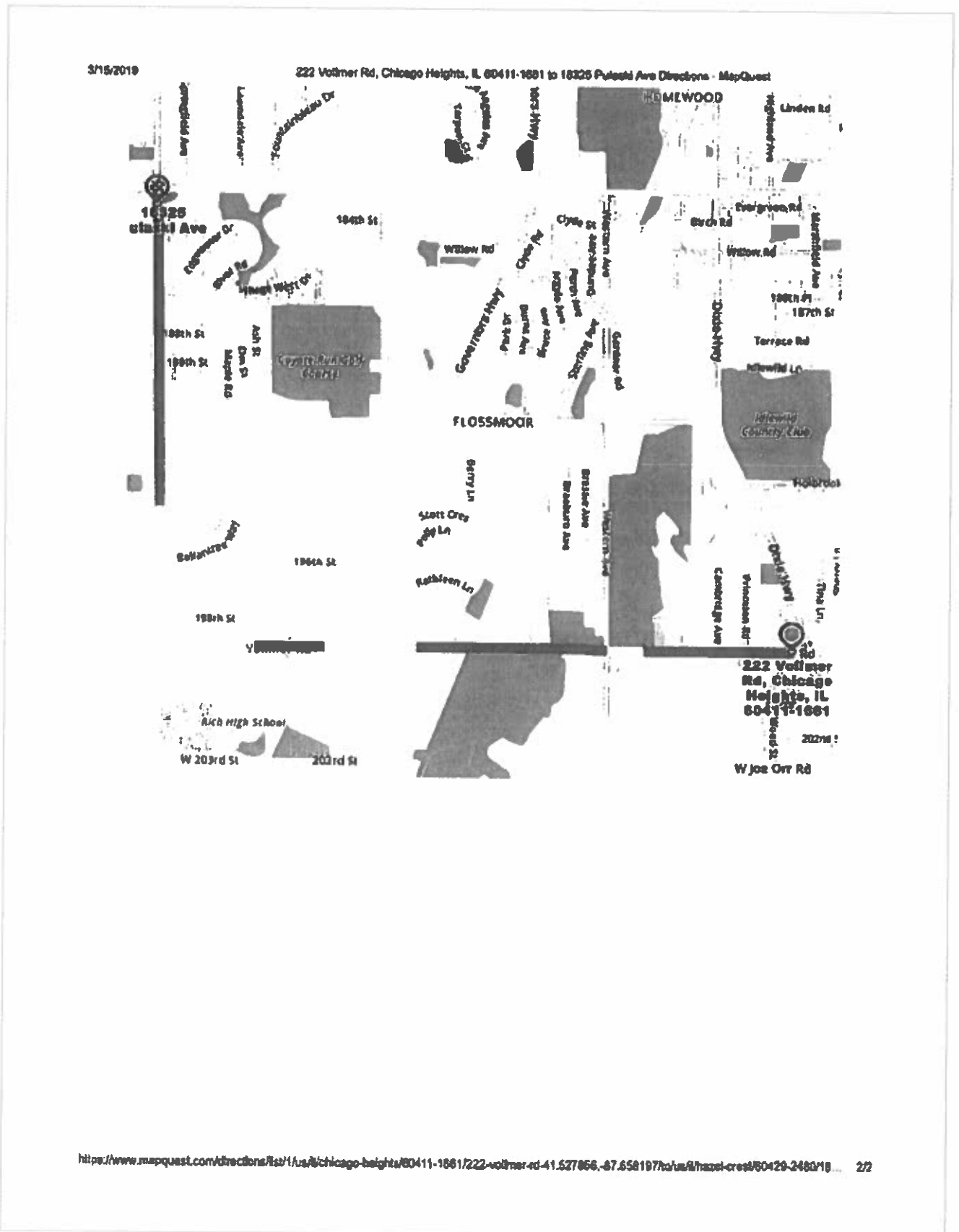
222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

- 1. Start out going west on Vollmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.**  
Then 2.86 miles 2.86 total miles
- 2. Turn right onto Crawford Ave.**  
Crawford Ave is 0.2 miles past Traditions Dr.  
*If you reach Keystone Ave you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 1.64 miles 4.80 total miles
- 3. 18325 PULASKI AVE**  
Your destination is 0.1 miles past Carrington Dr.  
*If you reach 183rd St you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Volmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1651 to 3470 W 163rd St Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

3470 W 163rd St



**9 MIN | 4.3 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.43**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:12 PM on March 15, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy



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222 Volmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1654



1. Start out going west on Volmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.  
Then 1.85 miles

1.85 total miles



2. Turn right onto Kedzie Ave.  
Kedzie Ave is 0.5 miles past Oak Lane Rd.

Then 2.01 miles

3.86 total miles



3. Turn left onto 163rd St.  
If you reach Olive Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.

Then 0.42 miles

4.28 total miles



4. 3470 W 163RD ST is on the right.  
If you reach Fountainbleau Dr you've gone a little too far.

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1681 to 17624 E Carriageway Dr Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

17624 E Carriageway Dr



**11 MIN | 5.2 MI**


**Est. fuel cost: \$0.52**


Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:13 PM on March 11, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy





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222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1684

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1. Start out going west on Vollmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.  
Then 1.85 miles 1.85 total miles
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2. Turn right onto Kedzie Ave.  
*Kedzie Ave is 0.5 miles past Oak Lane Rd.*  
Then 3.01 miles 4.86 total miles
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3. Turn right onto 176th St.  
*176th St is 0.1 miles past Hawthorne Ln.*  
*If you reach 173rd St you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.*  
Then 0.20 miles 5.06 total miles
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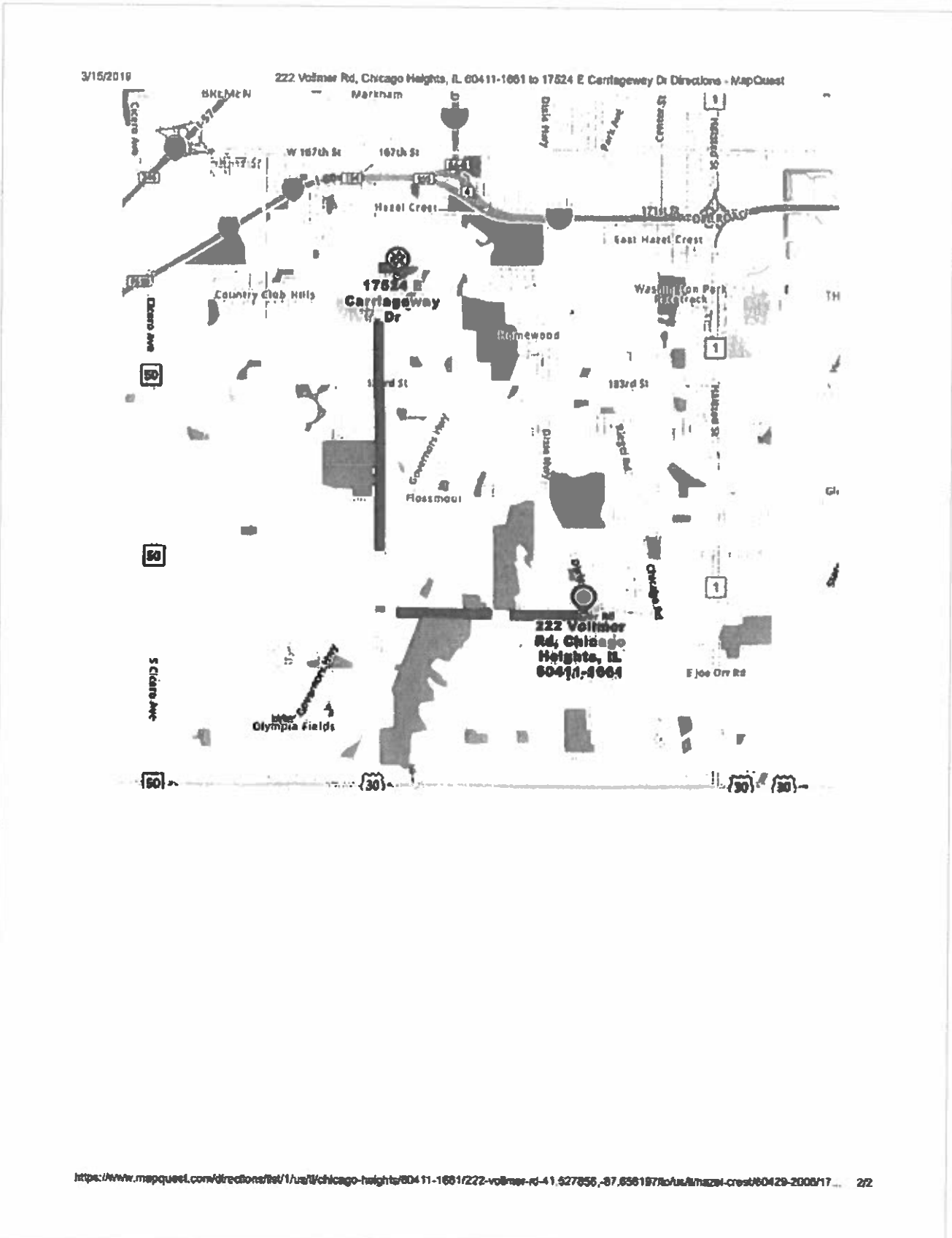
4. Turn right onto E Carriageway Dr.  
*E Carriageway Dr is just past Longfellow Ave.*  
*If you reach Holmes Ave you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 0.09 miles 5.15 total miles
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5. 17624 E CARRIAGEWAY DR is on the right.  
*If you reach Coach Ln you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1881 to 4557 W Lincoln Hwy, Matteson, IL, 60443-2318 Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

4557 W Lincoln Hwy, Matteson, IL, 60443-2318



**11 MIN | 4.8 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.48**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:20 PM on March 15, 2018. Current Traffic: Moderate



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222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1884

1. Start out going west on Vollmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.  
 Then 2.12 miles 2.12 total miles
2. Turn left onto Governors Hwy.  
*If you are on Vollmer Rd and reach Governors Dr you've gone a little too far.*  
 Then 1.61 miles 3.73 total miles
3. Turn left onto Crawford Ave.  
 Then 0.08 miles 3.81 total miles
4. Take the 1st right onto Lincoln Hwy/Lincoln Highway/US-30 W.  
*Lincoln Hwy is just past Governors Hwy.*  
 Then 0.76 miles 4.57 total miles
5. Turn left onto Lincoln Mall Dr.  
*Lincoln Mall Dr is 0.2 miles past Kostner Ave.*  
*If you reach Homeland Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
 Then 0.11 miles 4.68 total miles
6. Turn left to stay on Lincoln Mall Dr.  
 Then 0.07 miles 4.75 total miles
7. Take the 2nd left.  
*Just past Lincoln Mall Dr.*  
*If you reach Promenade Way you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
 Then 0.01 miles 4.76 total miles
8. Take the 1st left.  
*If you reach Lincoln Hwy you've gone a little too far.*  
 Then 0.06 miles 4.83 total miles

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1681 to 4567 W Lincoln Hwy, Matteson, IL, 60443-2316 Directions - MapQuest



9. Turn slight right.

Then 0.01 miles

4.84 total miles



18. 4567 W Lincoln Hwy, Matteson, IL 60443-2316, 4567 W LINCOLN HWY.

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 3222 Vollmer Rd Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

3222 Vollmer Rd



**4 MIN | 2.0 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.20**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:21 PM on March 16, 2019. Current Traffic: Moderate



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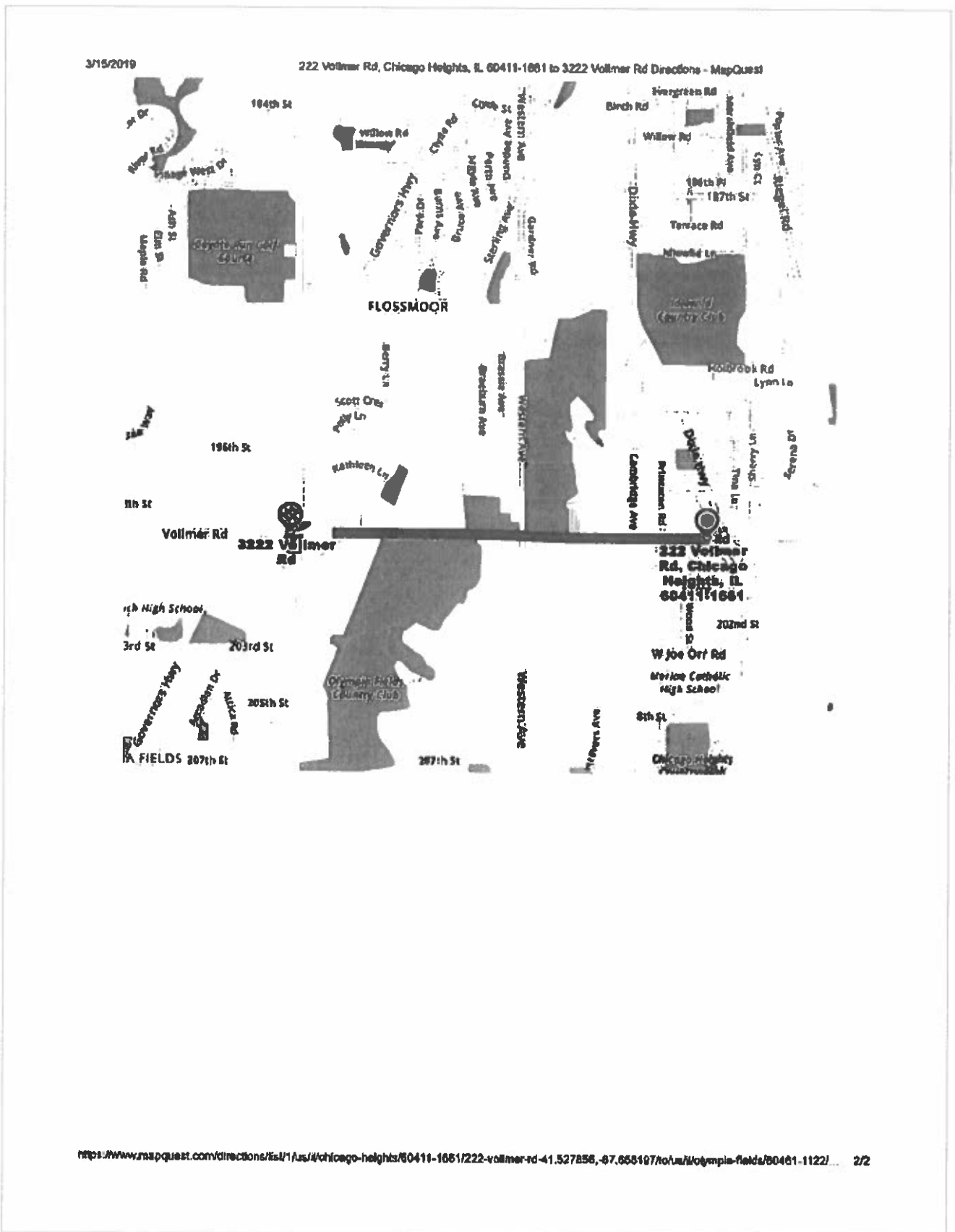
222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664

- 1. Start out going west on Vollmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.  
Then 1.86 miles 1.86 total miles
- 2. Turn left onto Kedzie Ave.  
Then 0.07 miles 1.93 total miles
- 3. Turn right.  
Just past Vollmer Rd.  
*If you reach Oregon Trl you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 0.05 miles 1.98 total miles
- 4. Turn slight right.  
Then 0.04 miles 2.02 total miles
- 5. Turn slight right.  
Then 0.01 miles 2.03 total miles
- 6. Turn right onto Vollmer Rd.  
Then 0.01 miles 2.04 total miles
- 7. 3222 VOLLMER RD.  
*If you reach Kedzie Ave you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Voltmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 2609 Lincoln Hwy Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

2609 Lincoln Hwy



**5 MIN | 2.7 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.27**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:22 PM on March 15, 2019. Current Traffic: Moderate



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222 Voltmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1664



1. Start out going west on Voltmer Rd toward Abbott Ave.

Then 0.85 miles

0.85 total miles



2. Turn left onto Western Ave.

*If you reach Butterfield Cir you've gone about 0.3 miles too far.*

Then 1.49 miles

2.33 total miles



3. Turn right onto Lincoln Hwy/Lincoln Highway/US-30 W.  
*Lincoln Hwy is 0.1 miles past Western Ave.*

Then 0.34 miles

2.67 total miles



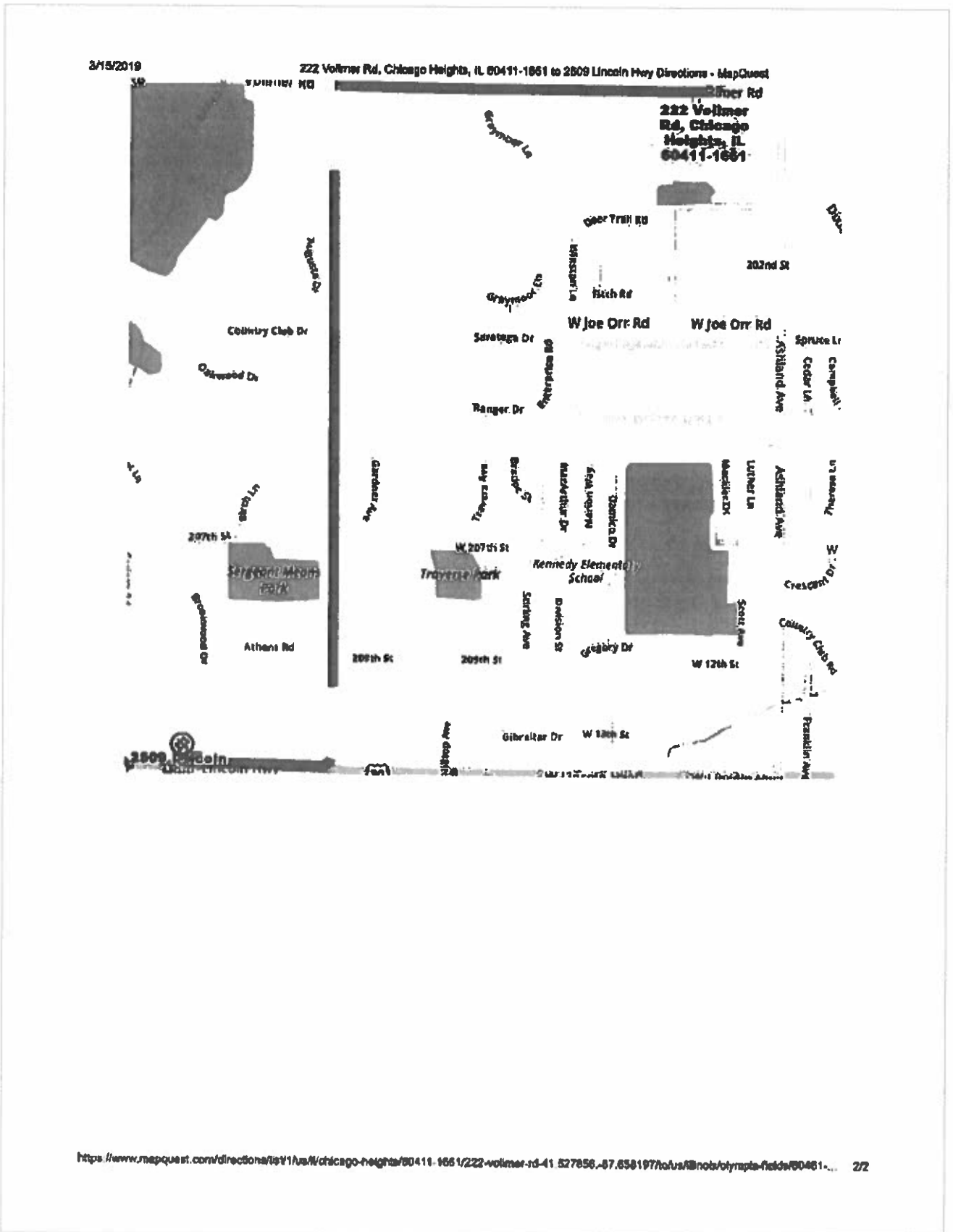
4. 2609 LINCOLN HWY is on the right.

*Your destination is just past Brookwood Dr.*

*If you reach Orchard Dr you've gone about 0.3 miles too far.*

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222 Volmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1881 to 16110 La Salle St Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

16110 La Salle St



**18 MIN | 7.2 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.72**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 1:29 PM on March 15, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy



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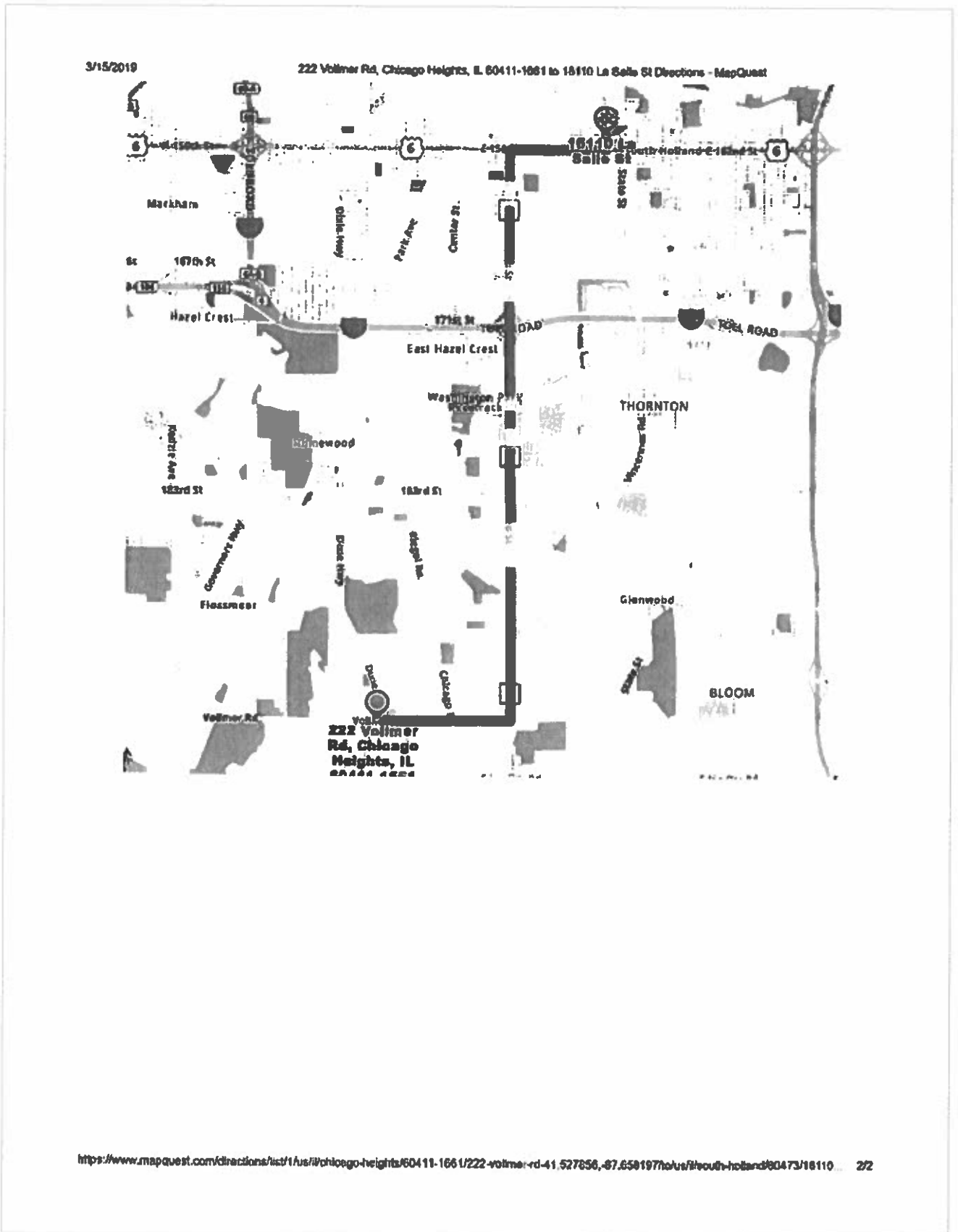
222 Volmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1884

1. Start out going east on Volmer Rd toward Dixie Hwy.  
Then 1.17 miles 1.17 total miles
2. Turn left onto S Halsted St/IL-1.  
*If you reach Glenwood Rd you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 5.05 miles 6.21 total miles
3. Turn right onto E 159th St/US-6 E. Continue to follow US-6 E.  
*US-6 E is 0.1 miles past E 160th St.*  
*If you reach E 158th St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 0.85 miles 7.06 total miles
4. Turn left onto La Salle St.  
*La Salle St is 0.1 miles past Sunfone Dr.*  
*If you reach State St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 0.12 miles 7.18 total miles
5. 16110 LA SALLE ST is on the left.  
*Your destination is 0.1 miles past W 162nd St.*  
*If you reach 161st St you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 17225 Paxton Ave Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

17225 Paxton Ave



**19 MIN | 8.4 MI**

**Est. fuel cost: \$0.64**

Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:30 PM on March 15, 2018. Current Traffic: Moderate



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222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664.

- 1. Start out going east on Vollmer Rd toward Dixie Hwy.  
Then 1.25 miles 1.25 total miles
- 2. Vollmer Rd becomes Glenwood Rd.  
Then 0.54 miles 1.76 total miles
- 3. Glenwood Rd becomes Glenwood Chicago Heights Rd.  
Then 1.21 miles 2.99 total miles
- 4. Turn left onto N Main St.  
*N Main St is 0.6 miles past Science Rd.*  
  
*If you are on W Main St and reach W Center St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.*  
Then 0.13 miles 3.12 total miles
- 5. N Main St becomes E Glenwood Thornton Rd.  
Then 0.51 miles 3.73 total miles
- 6. E Glenwood Thornton Rd becomes Vincennes Rd.  
Then 0.80 miles 4.53 total miles
- 7. Vincennes Rd becomes N Williams St.  
Then 0.16 miles 4.69 total miles
- 8. Turn right onto W Eleanor St.  
*W Eleanor St is just past W Harriet St.*  
  
*If you reach W Marion St you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 0.29 miles 4.98 total miles
- 9. W Eleanor St becomes Chicago Rd.  
Then 0.61 miles 5.59 total miles

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222 Volmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 17225 Paxton Ave Directions - MapQuest



10. Chicago Rd becomes S Park Ave.

Then 0.46 miles

6.07 total miles



11. Turn right onto E 170th St.

*If you reach E 169th Pl you've gone a little too far.*

Then 2.01 miles

8.08 total miles



12. Turn right onto Paxton Ave.

*Paxton Ave is just past Merrill Ave.*

*If you reach Lucille Ave you've gone a little too far.*

Then 0.26 miles

8.35 total miles



13. 17225 PAXTON AVE is on the left.

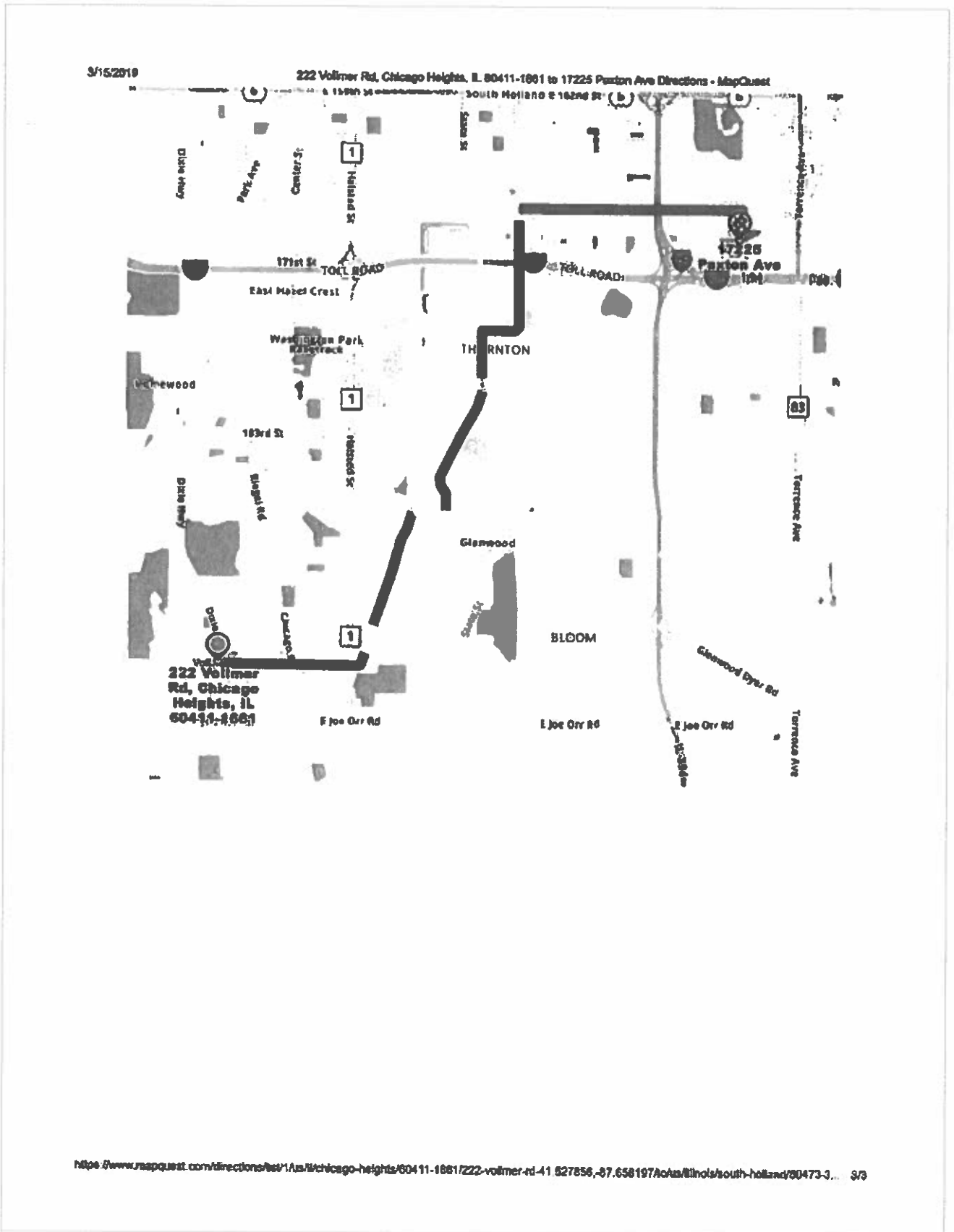
*Your destination is just past E 172nd St.*

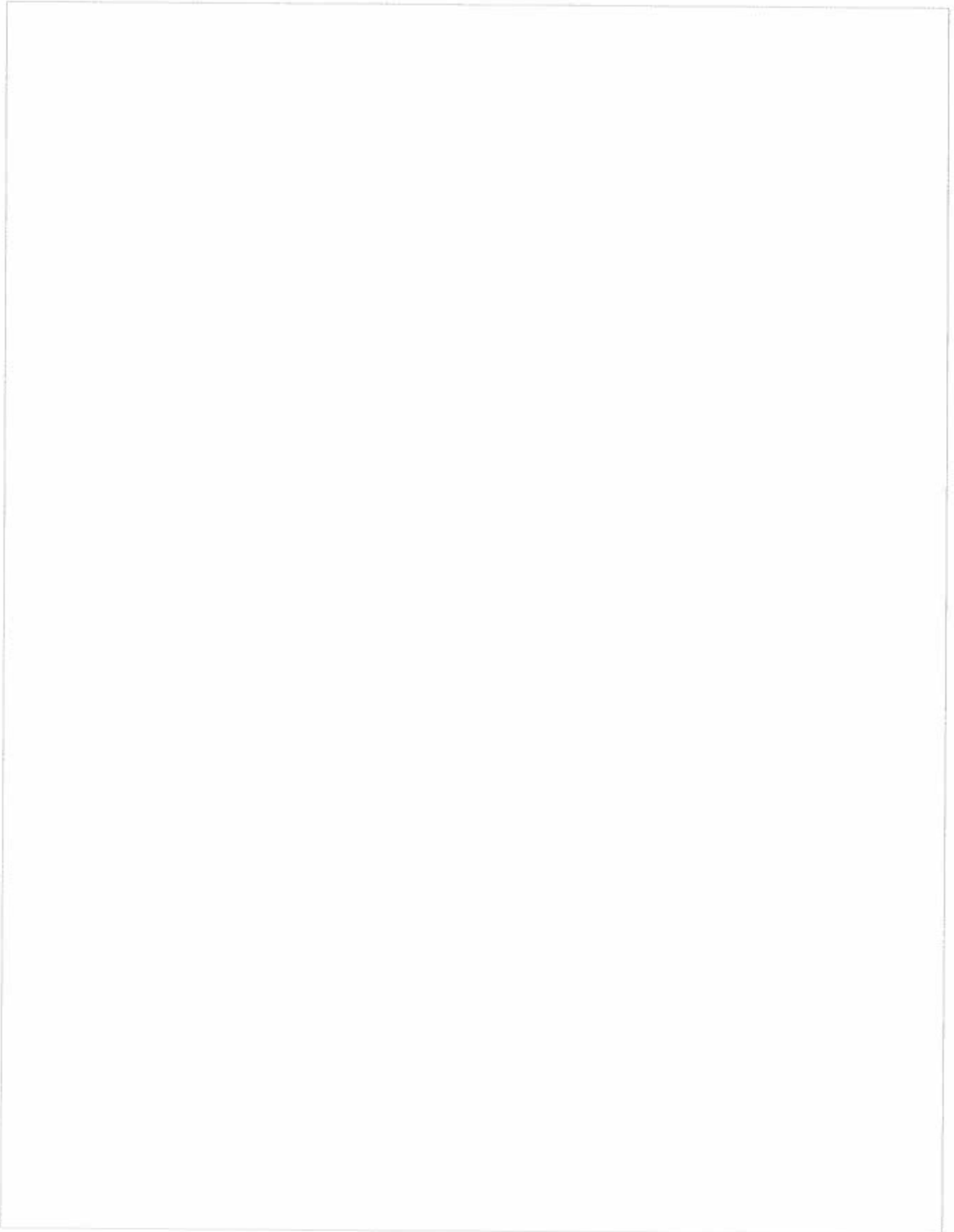
*If you reach Parkview Dr you've gone a little too far.*

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222 Vollmer Rd, Chicago Heights, IL 60411-1661 to 219 E 34th St, Steger, IL, 60476-1201 Directions - MapQuest

**YOUR TRIP TO:**

219 E 34th St, Steger, IL, 60475-1201



**13 MIN | 5.0 MI**


**Est. fuel cost: \$0.50**


Trip time based on traffic conditions as of 2:35 PM on March 16, 2019. Current Traffic: Heavy





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222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664.

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1. Start out going east on Vollmer Rd toward Ode Hwy.  
Then 0.08 miles 0.08 total miles
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2. Turn slight right onto Dixie Hwy.  
*If you reach Serena Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far.*  
Then 1.45 miles 1.53 total miles
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3. Turn slight right onto Chicago Rd/IL-1.  
*Chicago Rd is 0.2 miles past W 10th St.*  
Then 2.02 miles 4.34 total miles
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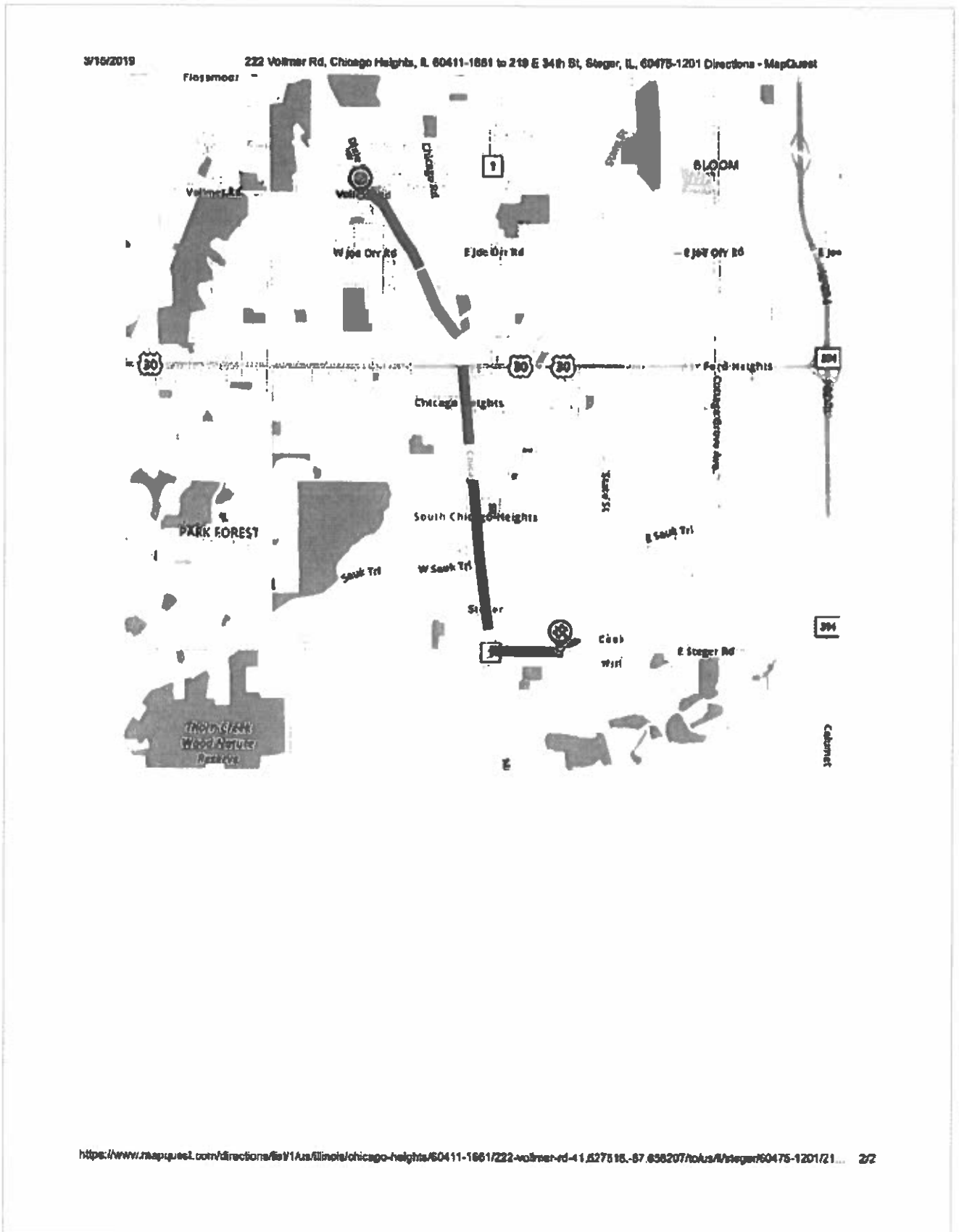
4. Turn left onto E 34th St.  
*E 34th St is just past W 33rd Pl.*  
*If you reach W 34th Pl you've gone a little too far.*  
Then 0.64 miles 4.99 total miles
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6. 219 E 34th St, Steger, IL 60475-1201. 219 E 34TH ST is on the left.  
*Your destination is just past Lewis St.*  
*If you reach Loverock Ave you've gone a little too far.*

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DIALYSIS CARE CENTER, LLC  
15801 S. Bell Road  
Homer Glen, IL 60491  
PH: 708-645-1000  
FAX: 931-484-4701

March 19, 2019

VIA Federal Express

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd floor  
Springfield, Illinois, 62761  
Attn: Michael Constantino

Re: Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting the enclosed application for consideration by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Please find the following:

1. An original and 1 copy of an application for permit to establish Dialysis Care Center Chicago Heights, LLC, for an in-center hemodialysis facility to be located at 222 Vollmer Rd, First Floor, Chicago Heights, IL, 60411-1664.
2. A filing fee of \$2,500.00 payable to Illinois Department of Health.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the proposed project to establish an in-center hemodialysis facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asim M. Shazzad", is written over a horizontal line.

Asim M. Shazzad  
Chief Operating Officer