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VIA FEDEX

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, Project #19-021 - Letter of Support - Jin-Moo Lee, M.D., Professor of Neurology, Radiology, and Biomedical Engineering, Washington University

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-021, The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois from Jin-Moo Lee, M.D., Professor of Neurology, Radiology, and Biomedical Engineering, Washington University.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com. You can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman, via phone at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer

July 29, 2019

Courtney Avery
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Re: The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in St. Clair County, HSA11

Dear Ms. Avery,

As the Head of the cerebrovascular disease section in the Department of Neurology and co-director of the Washington University and Barnes-Jewish Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center, I am very supportive of the proposal to build The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC in Shiloh, Illinois. This is a critically important service for the citizens of St. Claire County and the surrounding areas in HSA-11.

It is a well-known fact that patients who have suffered a stroke have substantially better outcomes and quality of life after having undergone advanced comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation such as that provided at The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis. As published by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's "Guidelines for Adult Stroke Rehabilitation and Recovery" in 2016, they strongly recommend that stroke patients be treated at an inpatient rehabilitation facility rather than a skilled nursing facility. The intensity of three hours of therapy per day provided by physical, occupational, and speech therapists along with rehab specific trained nurses 24/7 and rehab physicians gives the patient the best opportunity to regain optimal physical and cognitive function.

So many of the patients at Barnes-Jewish Hospital come to St. Louis from southern Illinois for acute care hospital services. Those patients would greatly benefit from post-acute inpatient rehabilitation in the community where they live so their family and loved ones can participate in their care as well as learn what will be required in the home setting after discharge. As it stands today, the challenges of traveling into St. Louis is often a barrier to that participation in the patients care or worse, the patient chooses a lower level of post-acute care such as a skilled nursing facility near their home.

I highly encourage the approval of the Certificate of Need for The Rehabilitation Institute of Southern Illinois, LLC, to build a new comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in

Shiloh, Illinois. The citizens in St. Claire County and the surrounding areas deserve to have the best post-acute care options available to meet their healthcare needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JML', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jin-Moo Lee, MD, PhD
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