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October 2, 2019

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Attn: Courtney Avery, Administrator
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support for Austin Dialysis at Loretto
CON Project 19-022

Dear Board Members:

I am currently serving as the President/CEO of Habilitative Systems, Inc. Our organization serves vulnerable, low-income people who face a wide variety of adverse health and social outcomes which include, but are not limited to: homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, and developmental disabilities. Our core services are segmented into four categories: *Residential Services*, *Disabilities Management*, *Children and Family Services*, and *Behavioral Health*. We provide community housing, outpatient therapy and counseling, psychoeducational groups, medication management, case management, crisis intervention, prevention and wellness services and employment and training.

I am writing to express our support for the certificate of need (CON) permit application submitted by Austin Dialysis at Loretto, a joint venture with Loretto Hospital to establish a 12-station in-center hemodialysis center. We ask the members of the State Board to approve this project and grant a CON permit because this project will enhance access to important healthcare services in a traditionally underserved and impoverished community. It will provide an additional and accessible resource for our clients who frequently have co-occurring medical conditions, including kidney disease.

We kindly request that you approve this application. We believe the project is both necessary and in the best interest of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Dew, MSW, ACSW
President/CEO

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