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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

**RE: Austin Dialysis at Loretto (Project 19-022)
Notice of Withdrawal of Certificate of Need Permit Application**

Dear Ms. Avery,

This letter provides official notice to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("State Board") that Austin Dialysis at Loretto ("Applicant") is withdrawing its certificate of need ("CON") permit request for a 12-station end stage renal disease facility in Chicago, Illinois ("Project"). As the State Board knows, the Applicant lost its initial nephrologist for the Project and has been unable to secure a replacement for several months despite aggressive efforts to do so. The Applicant, however, still desires to establish this service line and will continue its efforts to recruit a nephrologist into next year.

If you have questions about this matter, please call or e-mail me at your convenience. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Joseph Hylak-Reinholtz
Legal Counsel for Applicant

cc: George N. Miller, Jr, President & CEO, Loretto Hospital
Melinda Malecki, General Counsel, Loretto Hospital
Sameer Suhail, M.D., President, Austin Dialysis LLC