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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the American Hip Institute as this practice seeks to establish a small ambulatory surgery center in connection with the opening of their Des Plaines office.

Led by Dr. Benjamin Domb, the American Hip Institute is a nationally regarded center offering innovative, advanced procedures for injuries of the hip joint. Dr. Domb and his colleagues Dr. Ajay Lall and Dr. Rafael Walker have relocated their practice to the northwest Chicago suburbs in proximity to the Lutheran General Hospital service area. The American Hip Institute as part of our Orthopedic community at Lutheran General will help ensure patients have good choice for comprehensive hip care.

The physicians of the American Hip Institute plan to make Lutheran General Hospital an anchor for their inpatient work. However, there is a volume of low acuity outpatient procedures including hip arthroscopy without complications that are appropriate to be performed in an ambulatory setting. In this instance having a subset of the American Hip Institute's procedures performed in the proposed ASC will ensure we have adequate resources free and available at Lutheran General to accommodate the complex inpatients which require a hospital-based setting.

Thank you for considering this letter of support, and please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



Terika Richardson
President
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital