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Courtney Avery
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Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, Project #19-036 - Letter of Support – Richard Margolin, DO

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Richard Margolin, DO.

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



August 21, 2019

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Re: Support for CON Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to express my support for the Encompass Certificate of Need application to build an acute comprehensive rehabilitative hospital in Lake County. In my role as a family practitioner, I am responsible for the quality of care we provide to our community and patients.

As a very busy Family Medicine Physician, I review the care that is provided to our patients in the hospital. Frequently, we have patients whose dispositions are adversely affected by the absence of acute comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation in Lake County. I recently treated in Northern Illinois a young man with multiple sclerosis who was admitted for an acute exacerbation with marked weakness of all four limbs who would have benefitted from acute in-patient rehabilitation. He is cared for by his parents. Due to the lack of acute rehabilitation locally, they opted for him to go home with outpatient physical and occupational therapy rather than transferring him further away for acute rehabilitation. His functional recovery was limited as a result of the less intensive therapies he received.

This type of patient would have benefited from an acute comprehensive hospital in Lake County. It is extremely difficult for family members to travel long distances to support their loved ones, particularly with the traffic scenarios associated with metropolitan Lake County. It forces them to make difficult decisions between following the recommendations for acute rehabilitation as opposed to settling for less comprehensive therapies closer to home.

On behalf of my patients, and the patients we serve in Lake County, I hope you will seriously consider the granting of a Certificate of Need to Encompass Health for an independent acute comprehensive rehab hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. It would provide a much needed service to patients like those I see in our hospitals, as well as in my office practice. Thank you for your consideration of the CON for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Margolin", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Margolin, DO
Family Medicine, Vista Physicians Group