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**VIA FEDEX**

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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 – Robert G. Kummerer, MD, FACS**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Robert G. Kummerer, MD, FACS with Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgical Associates, S.C..

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](mailto: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](mailto:MSilberman@beneschlaw.com) with any questions.

Very truly yours,

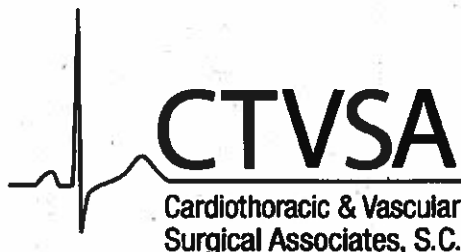
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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



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September 1, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery  
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Re: Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a Board-certified Cardiovascular, Thoracic & Vascular Surgeon. The purpose of this letter is to ask that you approve the above-referenced project for the much-needed 60-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital to be located in Libertyville, Illinois.

Given my role and responsibilities at Advocate Condell Medical Center, I have firsthand knowledge of the need for the proposed project that will benefit patients currently having to travel outside their community and home in order to receive comprehensive, specialized inpatient rehabilitative care. I see the need on a daily basis for patients who have suffered a cardiovascular event or have undergone cardiovascular surgery or an interventional procedure who needs to receive post-acute intensive inpatient rehabilitation to improve their functional cognitive outcomes. The ability of these patients to receive their needed inpatient rehab close to home will ensure patients can achieve optimal outcomes for the highest quality of life possible.

In my role as the physician leader for the cardiovascular service line, my work goes beyond supervising our program. Our service is growing rapidly and we are implementing protocols, processes, quality metrics and cutting-edge technology that ensure the physicians are providing the best possible treatment options and outcomes for our patients. Inpatient rehabilitation is critically important for our patient population who need this type of post-acute care. The availability of advanced technology, advanced education and training for the physicians, nurses, and therapists and evidence-based rehabilitation medicine is paramount in the patient's road to optimal recovery and function.

It would be tremendously helpful for the patient and their family to receive their post-acute rehabilitation in the community where they live, so family and/or caregiver participation in therapy can be achieved easily. As I'm sure you know, participation by the family member or caregiver in a patient's inpatient care enhances quality of care for the patient both during his/her hospital

stay and when the patient returns home where the family member or caregiver assists the patient in his/her ongoing recovery. In short, involvement of family members/caregivers in the patient's care ultimately enhances patient outcomes, quality of care, and quality of life for the rehab patient.

The benefit of inpatient rehabilitation that is close to home, convenient for patients, families, and delivered by talented, trained clinicians that provide optimal outcomes and quality of life is so very important for the communities we serve. I urge you to support and grant approval for this Certificate of Need application for the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Kummerer, M.D.

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