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Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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 – Internal Medicine and Cardiology Medicine, John Kapoor, MD**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Internal Medicine and Cardiology Medicine, John Kapoor, MD.

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



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Ms. Courtney Avery

Board Administrator, Health Facilities & Services Review Board

Illinois Department of Public Health

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you for the approval of Encompass Health's request to build a 60-bed Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. As an internist and cardiologist I serve a large population of patients who are in need of inpatient rehabilitation services. In my role as a physician leader, I manage a very complex group of patients who have to travel outside Lake County for this care.

Unfortunately, Lake County does not currently have the whole continuum of healthcare needs being met and easily accessible within our surrounding county and market. When it comes time for discharge from the acute hospital, I hit a roadblock. Often I have to admit to a SNF unit when the patient needs acute inpatient rehabilitation. There are no inpatient acute care rehabilitation beds available in Lake County or surrounding communities to send our patients to for inpatient rehabilitation recovery with the goal being to return to their home at discharge.

Providing comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services in Lake County is critically important to maintain and promote high quality options for all. For these reasons, please grant Encompass Health the requested CON for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC.

Sincerely yours,

John Kapoor, MD, PhD

Internal Medicine and Cardiology Medicine