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VIA REGULAR MAIL

Courtney Avery
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525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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Re: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, Project #19-036 - Letter of Support – Hanzla H. Quraishi, MD, Northwest Neurology

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Hanzla H. Quraishi, MD, Northwest Neurology.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Morado, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



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

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is to express my support for the Encompass's Certificate of Need application to build a 60-bed acute comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. I am a Board Eligible Physiatrist who is the primary physician of patients on an inpatient rehabilitation unit. Prior to joining the team at Northwest Neurology, I did my residency at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. I was fortunate to treat thousands of patients that showed tremendous gains from intensive physical, occupational, and speech therapies, as well as comprehensive rehabilitative nursing, following acute illnesses. These patients were often able to go home with much improved functional independence that they may not have otherwise attained at a lower level of care.

One of the most rewarding experiences is to see a former stroke patient that may have required a rolling walker and the help of a family member to ambulate at discharge, visit the unit walking independently. Not only did that homecoming serve as a reunion, it provided confidence to active patients and a peer they could relate to in order to continue on their own road to recovery.

Due to the lack of a acute inpatient rehabilitation unit in Lake County, the patients and families in this community are now challenged with the distance to the nearest facility that would provide the aggressive therapy services, and advanced interventions that would benefit them the most. Some even choose to go to a lower level of care to limit travel time required to visit family members. Unfortunately, these facilities provide less therapy time to patients, with poorer outcomes, and are less likely to have the technology available at most acute inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

If given the option, it is my firm belief that most patients and families would choose an aggressive inpatient rehabilitation program when appropriate. It has been a pleasure and an honor for me to share in the recovery of countless patients, and I would want nothing more than for this community and surrounding counties to again have the opportunities that were once available to them. For these reasons, I truly hope that you strongly consider granting a Certificate of Need to Encompass for an inpatient acute comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Libertyville, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Hanzla H. Quraishi, MD
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