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VIA REGULAR MAIL

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 – Mathangi R. Sekharan, MD, Vista Physician Group**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Mathangi R. Sekharan, MD, Vista Physician Group.

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,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Morado, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



October 1, 2019

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RE: Support Letter: Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am board certified in internal medicine physician providing inpatient and outpatient care to my patients both at Advocate Condell Medical Center and Vista Medical Center East. I am writing today to express my support for the Certificate of Need (CON) request for approval to build a 60-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital, Encompass Health Rehabilitation of Libertyville, LLC. In treating my patients, I see the need on a daily basis for intensive inpatient rehabilitation for patients who have suffered a stroke, brain bleeds, cerebral tumors, spinal cord tumors, amputations, traumas and neurological conditions. These patients deserve this service to not only have the opportunity to achieve the best outcomes but to maintain the very best quality of care.

In my role as a physician market leader, my work goes beyond supervising my patients. Inpatient rehabilitation is critically important for this population of patients. 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.

In my 25 years as an internist in Lake County, I've learned and experienced that this service is limited or access is denied by others that do offer inpatient rehabilitation. Since Vista Health System closed their Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit, patients and families are traveling over 40 miles to the City of Chicago or further to receive care. When the patients do get approved and transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation bed, I never see these patients back for follow-up care in my practice. I can't emphasize enough the importance of patients receiving continuity in their healthcare, both as inpatients and outpatients, close to home. Our patients in Lake County and surrounding counties certainly deserve to have all their healthcare needs met, including inpatient rehabilitation, close to home.

In summary, I am supporting and request the approval of the CON for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC.

Sincerely,

Mathangi R. Sekharan
Mathangi R. Sekharan MD, FACP
Board Certified Internal Medicine