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**Re: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, Project #19-036 - Letter
of Support – Shazia Kamran, MD, Vista Physician Group**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Shazia Kamran, 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,

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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's Certificate of Need application to build an acute comprehensive rehabilitative hospital in Lake County. In my role as a neurologist, I am responsible for the quality of care we provide our community. As a neurologist for Vista Health System, I will speak to the need I see for neurology patients.

As a practicing neurologist, 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 rehabilitation. On multiple occasions, almost every week or so, I encounter this situation when my stroke patients, multiple sclerosis patients and patients with other neurological diseases need acute rehabilitation units in Chicago, which is 45 miles away and extremely challenging for my patients and families to travel to. Families have to miss work and have to be away from home for significant amount of time if they want to visit this patient. A lot of the times patients and their families opt out of acute rehab and choose outpatient therapies because they are not able or don't want to travel to Chicago.

My patients can benefit 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 onerous 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.

Significant number of my neurology patients had the potential to be fully rehabilitated with comprehensive therapy. If there had been an acute rehabilitation hospital in Lake County, my patients would have had the benefit of comprehensive therapies supported by their loved ones, and their ultimate outcomes would have been much better. All our patients deserve that access.

On behalf of my patients, and the patients we serve at Vista and in Lake and McHenry Counties, I hope you will seriously consider the granting of a Certificate of Need to Encompass for an

independent acute comprehensive rehab hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. It would provide a much needed service to clients like those I see in our facilities, as well as to the larger community, as such a hospital does not exist in Lake County. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 847/544-8993

Sincerely Yours,


Shazia Kamran, MD

10/8/19.

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