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VIA REGULAR MAIL

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Re: Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, Project #19-036 - Letters of Support

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find letters of support for Project #19-036, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville from Drs. Shilpa Bamrolia, Ajay Madhani and James Monahan.

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

Shilpa Bamrolia, MD
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January 3, 2020

Ms. Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities & Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
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Re: Support for CON Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am Dr. Shilpa Bamrolia, a board certified internal medicine physician providing outpatient and inpatient care to patients throughout Lake County. I cover for my group all inpatients at Advocate Condell Medical Center. I am sending this letter 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.

Inpatient rehabilitation is critically important for the population of patients I take care of. The availability of inpatient rehabilitation close to home for patients and family members is critical in the patient's successful road to recovery. Since Vista's Rehabilitation unit closed, there are no inpatient acute rehabilitation beds in Lake County or the surrounding area. In my role as an internist, I see the need on a daily basis for intensive inpatient rehabilitation for patients who have suffered a stroke, or other neurological conditions. Patients and families are traveling over 40 miles to the City of Chicago or further to receive this care. When the patients do get approved and transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation bed, I often do not see these patients for follow-up care in my practice. I can't stress enough the importance of patients receiving continuity in their healthcare, both as inpatients and outpatients, close to home. My patients in Lake County and the surrounding area deserve to have all of their healthcare needs met for inpatient rehabilitation close to home.

Therefore, I request the approval of the CON for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Libertyville, LLC.

Sincerely,



Shilpa Bamrolia, MD
Board Certified/Internal Medicine

**Ajay Madhani, M.D. FACP, President
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December 27, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Health Facilities & Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you with an important request for the approval of Encompass Health's request to build a 60-bed Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. I have had the great honor and pleasure of providing Hospitalist Services in Lake County over the last 20 years and have seen tremendous growth and development of so many healthcare services. In my role as the physician leader of a very talented team of physicians who practice inpatient hospital medicine, I've experienced countless stories of excellent care provided to those we serve. As part of an inclusive team of purpose-driven people inspired and united by our passion to care for each other, our patients and our communities, we are making a difference in our patients' lives.

Unfortunately, we do not currently have the whole continuum of healthcare needs being met and easily accessible within our market to the degree we should. We do not have intensive inpatient rehabilitation in Lake County readily available for those who are appropriate for this service. For example, our hospitalists are the primary admitting physicians for all of our stroke patients. The orthopedic physicians, neurologists and others, serve as active consultants in the care and treatment of these patients. When it comes time for discharge and the patients still require additional inpatient rehabilitation, we can experience challenges in bed availability or placement.

We work hard and are focused on maintaining our promise to the community to provide excellent hospital-based services. Providing comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services in Lake County is critically important to maintain and promote high quality options for all. For these reasons, please strongly consider Encompass Health's requested CON for a 60-bed inpatient freestanding hospital.

Sincerely yours,



Ajay Madhani, MD, FACP
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December 19, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to you as an internist supporting the approval of Encompass Health's request to build a 60-bed Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital in Libertyville, Illinois. I have practiced in Lake County for over 30 years. I have seen a great deal of growth in the county regarding healthcare needs and services for patients. I practice with a group of very talented physicians and advanced practice healthcare providers board certified in internal medicine and family medicine. As part of an inclusive team, we treat our patients by our dedication to care for our patients in our communities.

Unfortunately, we do not currently have the entire rehabilitation continuum of healthcare needs being met and easily accessible within our surrounding counties where our patients reside. I am the primary admitting physician for all my patients who have a stroke or other neurological conditions which often require inpatient care. When it comes time for discharge and the patients still require additional rehabilitation, we hit a roadblock. Since Vista's rehabilitation unit closed, Lake County does not have inpatient acute care rehabilitation beds available in Lake County or surrounding communities to send our patients to for inpatient rehabilitation recovery.

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

Sincerely,



James D. Monahan, M.D.
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