

SWEDISHAMERICAN**A DIVISION OF UW HEALTH**

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To whom it may concern,

As the President and CEO of SwedishAmerican, a Division of UW Health, I am acutely aware of the access challenges facing our Northwest Illinois region in relation to inpatient behavioral health services. In response to those needs, SwedishAmerican received approval for an additional ten beds in 2018. These additional beds are in place to meet the needs of our primary services area and to meet the growing needs of our immediate community.

It has come to our attention that CGH Medical Center is seeking approval of a ten-bed behavioral health unit. SwedishAmerican is approximately one hour away from CGH Medical Center and does not currently serve as a primary referral center for inpatient behavioral health services. The additional beds requested by CGH Medical Center will not negatively impact nor duplicate the behavioral health services currently provided by SwedishAmerican Hospital. It will, however, positively impact the overall access to inpatient behavioral health services for our region.

Please consider this a letter of support for the approval of the request from CGH Medical Center to open a ten-bed behavioral health unit.

Respectfully,

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