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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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HEALTH FACILITIES &
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RE: Hospital Application 19-056 to Establish Subacute Care Unit

To Whom It May Concern:

We write to support Javon Bea Hospital's application for a certificate of need and proposed establishment of a subacute care unit at its Rockton Avenue Campus.

Ascension Saint Anne Center and Cor Mariae Center provide therapeutic, rehabilitation, short and long-term care for its residents. We believe this project will meet an identified gap and need for high intensity subacute outpatient services. These services are essential for some patients' recovery, and we believe the subacute unit and the 17 beds that will be added, as proposed, will serve an unmet Rockford community need; access to high-quality services on Rockford's West side.

Furthermore, we understand that patients transferred will be those requiring services not typically provided in skilled care facilities. We believe this step-down in care will enable these patients to transition better to short and long-term care. We thus recommend approval of the hospital's application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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