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VIA US MAIL

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
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Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 - Letter of Support
– Lori Bahen, RN, MSN, CCM, Manager, Transitions in Care**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Lori Bahen, the Manager for Transitions in Care at Trinity Hospitals.

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



March 5, 2020

Courtney Avery
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Re: The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Proposal to Establish a 40-bed Comprehensive Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Island County, HSA10

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to express my support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Certificate of Need application proposing to build an acute comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, IL.

As the Manager of Case Management/Transitions in Care Services, I have responsibility and oversight of discharge planning in our UnityPoint Health – Trinity hospitals. I have been in this role for 10 years. As the largest hospital in the Quad Cities, we receive patients from all over central Illinois and eastern Iowa, many of whom have significant disease processes or emergent catastrophic health care events. We have significant need for more inpatient rehabilitation beds to refer these complex patients to in close proximity to our hospitals and often, their loved ones who provide the emotional support needed for these patients to return successfully to their daily lives. By partnering with Encompass Health, the country's largest inpatient rehabilitation provider and expanding our current capacity, we will be able to facilitate the transfer of more patients who meet the medical necessity criteria and would benefit from the intensity of three hours of therapy per day.

We have many patients who are post cardiac or neurological intervention who have the ability to participate in the intensive physical, occupational and speech therapies allowing them to maximize their recovery. Those patients with stroke, lower extremity amputations, hip fractures, and many other diagnoses will greatly benefit from the interdisciplinary team approach by our talented therapists as well as specifically trained rehabilitation nurses and physicians. There are frequent occasions where our unit is unable to accept those patients due to space constraints or lack of a private room. This new, enlarged hospital will also be able to foster more family participation in the patient's therapy and journey to recovery and transition to home.

I hope you will seriously consider granting this Certificate of Need to The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC. It would provide the additional support we need for the patients in our large community as well as for those who travel to us for the specialized tertiary services we provide. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Bahen RN, MSN". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori Bahen, RN, MSN, CCM
Manager, Case Management/Transitions in Care

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