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Courtney Avery
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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
– Ryan Heur, Manager of Inpatient Therapy, UnityPoint Trinity Hospital**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Ryan Heur, PT, DPT, Manager of Inpatient Therapy, UnityPoint Trinity Hospital

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



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March 9, 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 Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's Certificate of Need application to build a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, IL. In my role as Manager of Inpatient Therapy Services for UnityPoint Health - Trinity, I am responsible for the management of physical, occupational and speech therapies for our existing Inpatient Rehab Unit.

I believe there are advantages to building a separate free-standing rehab hospital in Rock Island County at our Moline campus. This is a growing area of the community and the suburban location could draw from not only the Moline area, but also the entire Quad Cities region. Many patients do not wish to drive into or come to a large, intimidating campus like the one we currently have in Rock Island. Access and parking would be much easier for the families and friends of our patients.

With the expertise and experience Encompass rehabilitation hospitals are known for we should be able to provide a more robust marketing plan to drive referrals to our new free-standing rehab hospital. In combination with our talented clinical staff of inpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapists, I believe it would contribute more to its success if it had its own identity, separate from that of the main hospital at our Rock Island campus. Many people have remarked, after being patients in our hospital, they were not aware it existed.

There is also opportunity for rehab specific computer software more updated than our current product in regards to rehab specific requirements for reporting functional activity levels to CMS and other entities. This would allow for better efficiency and individual productivity if these processes could be streamlined into a product designed specifically for inpatient rehabilitation.

For these reasons, I hope you will seriously consider the granting of a Certificate of Need to The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC for an acute inpatient rehab hospital in Rock Island County. It would provide an expansion of our current

services with a larger footprint in a growing area of the community that would greatly benefit. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Ryan Heuer, PT, DPT

Ryan Heuer, PT, DPT
Manager Inpatient Therapies