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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
– Stanley J. Mathew, M.D.**

Dear Ms. Avery:

Enclosed please find a letter of support for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, Project #19-059 from Stanley J. Mathew, M.D.

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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Juan Morado, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: George Roate, Project Reviewer



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May 22, 2020

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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 this letter today in support of the Certificate of Need application for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's proposal to build a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, Illinois.

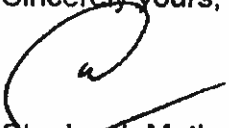
I am the Medical Director of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. I also serve on the medical staffs of several UnityPoint Health hospitals, inclusive of UnityPoint Health - Trinity in Rock Island, IL. I have extensive experience and expertise in inpatient rehabilitation and work closely with my colleagues to oversee and manage my unit at St. Luke's as well as collaborate in the management of the unit at UPH-Trinity. I will be working very closely with the rehab team and the administration at UnityPoint Health-Trinity over the next several months to assure continuous compliance with all regulatory requirements, management of patient care activities, and participate in the interdisciplinary team planning and conferences.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation medicine is not only my chosen specialty but my passion for helping people overcome the physical and cognitive challenges they endure after a traumatic event, stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, and many other conditions. Facilitating and recognizing the patient's continuous progress towards full recovery and resumption of their activities of daily living is perhaps the rehabilitation professional's ultimate reward. Patients in every community deserve the advances in technology, clinical protocols and the opportunity to return home with the best functional and cognitive outcomes possible. That expectation can be best realized in a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital setting where the care is delivered by the talented interdisciplinary team of specifically trained rehab doctors, rehab nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists, and many other professionals. The

inpatient rehabilitation unit at UnityPoint Health – Trinity provides that level of care and expertise but are limited in their space and ability to provide care for all patients who would benefit from this service. Partnering and collaborating with Encompass Health will undoubtedly unite two very strong comprehensive rehabilitation providers and will be a tremendous asset to the health care landscape and community at large in the Quad Cities.

I urge you to approve this CON application for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC to build a new free-standing comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Moline, IL. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley J. Mathew', written over the 'Sincerely yours,' line.

Stanley J. Mathew MD, FAAPMR
Board Certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Board Certified in Chronic Pain Management
Board Certified by the American Academy of Disability Analysts