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

Re: Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, HFSRB Project #19-059

Dear Ms. Avery,

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,

This letter is in support of the Certificate of Need application being submitted by the Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC, to build a freestanding comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Moline, IL. I am a board certified neurology physician and see hundreds of stroke patients annually in addition to other patients who have suffered from brain injuries and other neurologic conditions. All of these patients greatly benefit from advanced inpatient rehabilitation after their acute care stabilization whenever it is readily available.

Our patients' ability to achieve the highest possible physical and cognitive improvements are much more likely to occur when cared for by specifically trained rehabilitation specialists including physicians, nurses, and physical, occupational and speech therapists. We see these high level outcomes in our own rehab unit at UPH-Trinity, however there are many times patients are unable to get a bed due to capacity or lack of private rooms. The space is cramped with no room for expansion therefore it is imperative that we move to a new freestanding location. The proposed partnership with Encompass Health will bring tremendous resources and value to the healthcare services in the Quad Cities. I highly recommend your approval of this proposed new comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in our region. I greatly appreciate your consideration, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Md. Sajed" followed by a stylized flourish.

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