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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: 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 to build a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County, HSA-10. In my role as Director of Inpatient Medicine at UnityPoint Health Trinity Medical Center, I am responsible for coordinating the medical department of physicians and nurse practitioners that oversee care of the hospitalized patient.

The evidence speaks for itself. Intensive inpatient rehabilitation is the fastest and most cost-effective way to bring people back to becoming functional members of our society. Our citizens would benefit from such a hospital in our community. The resources we currently have are lacking. There are two hospitals in the Quad-Cities with small inpatient rehabilitation units that currently do not meet the needs of our region, both in size and with advanced state of the art technologies.

Some of the advantages such a free-standing hospital would bring include, intensive physical, occupational, and speech therapies that results in lower length of stay, improved functionality, returning faster to activities of daily living, inclusion of family participation in their rehabilitation, etc.

I would encourage you to approve the request for this Certificate of Need to the Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC for an acute inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County.

Sincerely,

Steve J. Arvanitis, M.D., F.H.M.
Director of Inpatient Medicine
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