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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 an acute comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County. In my role as the stroke coordinator at UnityPoint Health-Trinity, I am involved in the continuum of care related to patients suffering from a stroke.

Often our own inpatient rehabilitation unit at Trinity Rock Island is at capacity or doesn't have a private room readily available for our stroke patients. As a result, these patients are forced to choose a facility farther away from their home to carry out the vital rehab that is needed to reintegrate them back into society. We have countless examples of the families of these patients being required to drive across the river into Iowa just to visit their loved ones that are placed in rehab facilities. Keep in mind that many of these family members are of advanced age which limits their ability to visit.

The patients we serve would be extremely deserving of an intensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital to serve our IL population. The benefits of the intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy are integral to the full recovery of patients who suffer strokes. The rehab process allows the patient to not only feel physically and mentally, better but equips them with the necessary skills to return as productive members of society after discharge.

For these reasons, as well as many more, I hope you will consider granting a Certificate of Need to The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC, to build a new free-standing comprehensive inpatient rehab hospital in Rock Island County. This would serve as our greatest resource for the post-acute rehab setting for our patients.

Sincerely,

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