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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 this letter of support today for the granting of the Certificate of Need for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC's proposal to build a 40-bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation hospital in Rock Island County.

I am the Medical Director for UnityPoint Health – Trinity's Trauma program and I specialize in surgical critical care medicine. As such, the entire Trauma Team and I carry tremendous responsibility in securing the most comprehensive trauma care possible from every patient's initial admission all the way through rehabilitation and discharge home. We care for a great variety of traumatic injuries that require specific care management through the entire continuum of care. Most of our trauma patients require some level of rehabilitation, particularly those who suffer critical, life threatening injuries. Upon surgical intervention and stabilization patients often need the advanced technologies and rehab trained nursing and medical management, physical and occupational therapy that only comprehensive inpatient physical rehabilitation hospitals can provide.

The existing inpatient rehab unit staff within our hospital at UnityPoint Health – Trinity, provides excellent physical medicine and rehabilitation after the patient has been discharged from the acute care hospital by trained PM&R physicians, rehab nurses and PT and OT therapists. The unit however is very small, does not provide enough space to assure a private room for every patient, and is often unable to accept every patient that would benefit from this level of advanced care. Building a new free-standing inpatient rehabilitation hospital in partnership with Encompass Health, a nationally well-known rehabilitation hospital provider, will greatly benefit more patients and will have all the advanced technologies and services conveniently located in the Quad Cities.

I highly recommend and encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this Certificate of Need for The Quad Cities Rehabilitation Institute, LLC, to build a new comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation hospital in our community. This will be a tremendous advantage to achieve better outcomes, not only to our trauma patients but all patients who will benefit from this level of advanced rehabilitative care. Thank you

Respectfully yours,

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