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February 13, 2020

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Ms. Avery,

I am the Medical Director for the Advocate Condell Emergency Medical Services System (EMSS). In addition to serving as the Resource Hospital for the EMSS, Advocate Condell is a Stroke Center, Chest Pain Center and the only Level I Trauma Center in Lake County. Our EMSS providers include area fire/rescue departments, private ambulance services and Associate Hospitals who ensure our citizens receive the best emergency care when critically ill or injured. The Advocate Condell Medical Center EMSS is committed to providing excellence in pre-hospital emergency care and disaster response through its education and community services.

Advocate Condell Medical Center received 17,319 patients via the EMSS providers reflecting an increase of 13.7% over 2018. We are acutely aware of the limitations of the current ICU because these patients may have to wait in the Emergency Department with an extended length of stay awaiting an ICU bed. The modernization and increase in ICU capacity is critical to our ability to meet the increasing volume and complexity of patients we receive daily.

Our patients and their families deserve the best of care from the point of their illness or injury through their entire hospital stay. This increased capacity and modernization of the ICU will improve care delivery and the patient/family experience.

The patients of Lake County deserve the updated facilities and increased capacity for the critically ill this project will provide. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need request for the modernization and expansion of the Intensive Care Unit and the renal medical surgical nursing unit.

Sincerely,

Scott French, MD, FACEP
Emergency Services System Medical Director
Advocate Condell Medical Center