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Dr. Shakeel Ahmed
Chief Executive Officer
Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center
5023 North Illinois Street
Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208

Dear Dr. Ahmed:

This letter confirms East Side Health District's support of your Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, (MESC) application to the Illinois Facilities and Healthcare Review Board to add Orthopedic Surgery as an additional service offered at MESC, in Fairview Heights Illinois.

As you know, East Side Health District serves patients and families throughout St. Clair County and the Metro East, and is committed to helping patients access all services of the best quality and in the most cost-efficient setting. Access to all services, including orthopedic care, is important to all families we serve. Access to affordable services, especially specialty care, is also important for families and individuals to ensure that all of their healthcare needs are met. Many of those we serve also require specialty care referrals. Having surgical services provided at ambulatory surgery centers, like MESC, allows our clients to have quality as well as more affordable care choices and options.

Orthopedic Surgery would be a welcomed addition to the services already offered at this great facility considering the cost savings and convenience it would offer our patients. The addition of Orthopedic Surgery at MESC would help to further close the healthcare gap for our clients.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patton-Whiteside

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