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## VIA EMAIL

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Request for Expedited Review- OrthoIllinois Surgery Center of Elgin, LLC, Project #20-028

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing on behalf of OrthoIllinois Surgery Center of Elgin, LLC, in regards to a recently submitted Certificate of Need application to establish a multi-specialty Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center in Elgin, Illinois, Project #20-028. The applicants would respectfully request expedited review the application and consider at the latest by the November 5, 2020 meeting.

There are multiple reason for this request. First, consideration at Board meeting earlier than the December meeting would provide cost savings based on the existing real estate contract that was signed for the proposed site. There are timelines built into the purchase and sales agreement that provide financial benefits to the applicant if they complete the acquisition of the land as soon as practicable. Being considered by at least November 5th (if not earlier) could save the client additional dollars that could better used to construct this project.

Additionally, the application describes in detail the existing need for increased access in the community for the types procedures that are proposed by the applicant. It is clear that there is a lack of availability at existing ASTCs. The sooner this project can be considered, hopefully approved, and constructed, the better. This facility will undoubtedly create more access to healthcare services at time when our healthcare delivery system is already stressed

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due to the ongoing pandemic, and is pushing the types of procedures that will be performed at this facility into an ASTC setting.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project or our request, please feel free to contact me via phone at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com

Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP

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**Enclosures**