

March 7, 2021

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

Re: Letter of Support- Orthollinois Surgery Center of Elgin, Project #20-040

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Timothy Roth and I am a urologist at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin, IL. I served as Chairman of Surgery at Advocate Sherman Hospital from 2016-2018. Please accept this letter of strong support for the Orthollinois Surgery Center of Elgin ambulatory surgical treatment center ("ASTC") project. I count many of the Orthollinois physicians as colleagues and have worked alongside them at Sherman for years.

During my time as Chairman of Surgery at Sherman I experienced many issues along with the physicians from Orthollinois. Specifically, I often dealt with issues related to a lack of block time in the hospital's surgery suites which led to difficulties in scheduling cases. This has caused unnecessary delays for patients who were ready for surgery but subject to arbitrary wait times as we fight for time in the hospital's outpatient surgical suite. This has been an ongoing problem at the hospital for years and continues to this day.

I understand and believe there is a need for a sub-specialty surgical center like the one that Orthollinois is proposing. By shifting orthopedic outpatient procedures to an ASTC setting, it will lead to lower costs for patients and better patient satisfaction. This satisfaction will be the result of Orthollinois having more control of surgery time for the practice, and the ability to offer a broad range of surgical procedures to patients that may receive limited options from the hospital. I can also attest that performing outpatient procedures in an ASTC setting does not mean a lower standard of care.

With the creation of the Orthollinois Surgery Center, there should be additional surgery time available for other practice groups in the hospital, and I am confident that it will be used. I am pleased that our partners from Orthollinois are planning to bring this facility to the Elgin community, and I support their application and ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to do the same.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy J. Roth in black ink.

Timothy J. Roth, MD