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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 Madhavi N. Rao, and I am an independent hospitalist in Elgin, IL. I have served this community for nine years and have served in leadership roles in the Advocate/Aurora system. I am on staff at two facilities that Orthollinois provides services: Northwestern Huntley Hospital and Advocate/Aurora Sherman Hospital.

There is no doubt that the physicians at Orthollinois are the go-to providers for Orthopedic services. They always say yes to the consult, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. In addition, they provide excellent care.

I believe that transitioning low acuity patients out of the hospital to an outpatient setting is better for the patients, better for the community, and will lower healthcare. There is no shortage of patients that require hospital-based care, and surgery centers create more capacity for patients that need the hospital.

Therefore, I am in support of the proposed Orthopedic Specialty Surgery Center. This model has proven to be successful in Rockford and will benefit our community greatly. This new facility will help stabilize the orthopedic service line in Elgin and strengthen the Orthopedic safety net. I support their application and ask the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to do the same.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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