

June 1, 2021

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Attn: Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
525 West Jefferson St. 2nd Floor
Springfield, Il. 62761

RE: Letter of Support: Orthollinois Surgery Center of Elgin Project

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Brianna Wiberg and I am a patient of Dr. Nicholas Brissey at Orthollinois, and I support their application to open a surgery center in Elgin. I have had to deal with multiple challenges in life because I was born with flat feet and collapsed arches in my feet. It was not easy to find a doctor that would accept my insurance Meridian, which is a Medicaid product offered in the state. I was fortunate to receive a referral to Orthollinois from my primary care physician, Dr Heidi Cantu and they accepted my insurance.

The first doctor I was treated by at Orthollinois was Dr. Rochelle, who treated me for an unrelated knee injury. After reviewing my condition, Dr. Rochelle suggested that I also meet with Dr. Brissey for my foot issues. To say that my meeting Dr. Brissey changed my life would be an understatement. He advised that I have surgery to repair my collapsed arches, and he successfully repaired both feet. I did have to wait before my surgery could be scheduled as Dr. Brissey explained that operating rooms were running at capacity. But once I had the procedures performed it changed things for me. I am so excited that I can now participate in activities that I could not perform. Everything from regular every day long walks, to running, and team sports like volleyball.

The medical staff and all the scheduling and insurance approval staff at Orthollinois have assisted in making this a great experience for me. Even after the surgery the Orthollinois group has helped me get back to normal daily activities. Dr. Brissey and his clinical assistant Cristy were excellent in caring for my needs and educating me so that we could make important medical decisions together.

I think the surgery center is a good idea because more people should have access to the kind of care that I received no matter what kind of insurance they have. I ask the Board to approve this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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