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Thank you,

Regards,



Kristine Doane
Clinic Office Manager, Family Medicine
Blessing Physician Services
4800 Maine St.
Quincy, IL 62305

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Thank you,
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It is also a further concern that QMG does not have the best interest of Adams County and its citizens in mind. While the concept of further healthcare seems appealing, QMG has been the subordinate source of health care in the area, and cannot provide the same care and services that Blessing does. Much of this would seem to be a redundancy of services, while others would actually send services and economics outside of the area. Blessing Health System provides an array of options such as surgical care, laboratory services, and anatomic pathology all in one setting. With the addition of this new hospital, QMG will have no choice but to outsource many of these services to outlying reference labs. This does not have the community in mind, but instead focuses solely on diverting revenue away from the Quincy area. The goal should always be to prioritize health care and diversification of services and in an area for better care, instead of outsourcing these services away from the area.

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Denman Services Inc.
Plymouth, IL 62367

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Thank you,
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