

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

Re: Quincy Medical Group Hospital, Project #20-044

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Thank you,
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Blessing Physician Services
Quincy, IL 62301

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I am concerned that a second, unnecessary hospital will have an adverse impact on the over 17,000 people in Adams County who rely on Medicaid for their healthcare. Blessing serves everyone, regardless of their income and ability to pay. They don't turn anyone away, they never have and never will. The second hospital does not guarantee that those in need will receive care.

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quincy , IL 62301

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As a healthcare provider and former QMG patient, I don't feel like QMG does what is in the best interest of their patients. I feel like often times they care more for the business aspect of things and not helping the patients. They seem to pick and choose what patients they want and don't want. Due to the patient population in our area, that is not realistic and harmful to the overall healthcare needs in our area.

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Thank you,
Sarah Young
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