

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in opposition of Quincy Medical Group Hospital. The middle of a pandemic is not the time to disrupt an already fragile healthcare system in this region or to put additional strain on the healthcare safety net.

Blessing serves everyone, regardless of their income and ability to pay. They don't turn anyone away, they never have and never will. They combine the latest technology with a personal touch to deliver high quality, patient centered care, close to home. They are the most advanced medical center in 100-mile radius.

Quincy is not big enough for 2 hospitals and all the medical facilities we have. QMG should remain specialized as a office and procedural clinic not try to compete with the local established Blessing Hospital. Blessing is the leader in Quincy and is doing a fine job for this community. Blessing has proved there capable especially during the Co-Vid 19 crisis. A second hospital would be a waste of money and would more than likely cause taxes to increase and that's not what this community needs at all.

The proposed small-format hospital is not needed and would only add stress to our region's healthcare system. I encourage you to oppose Quincy Medical Group Hospital, project #20-044.

Thank you,
Angela Vogel
Blessing Hospital
Quincy, IL 62301

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We do not need a second hospital in our community, we do not have the population to appropriately support it. Twenty one percent of rural hospitals are at risk of closing. Opening a second hospital, during this time, is an unnecessary gamble in a region that does not have a demonstrable need for additional hospital beds. A second hospital would not increase choice or quality of care, instead it would strain an already limited talent pool and resources, diminishing our ability to receive consistent, high quality care.

Quincy Medical Group seems to have an agenda against the Blessing Health System. The intention is to skim away the "easy" or "normal" services and leave Blessing with the complex and complicated services or services for which there is very low reimbursement. Even the date that Quincy Medical Group chose to make their hospital announcement was intentional. They picked 12/10/20 which was an important day for Blessing. That was the day of our holiday meal and our gain share pay out. It is hard to believe that this date was picked by accident.

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Pittsfield, IL 62363

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