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My question to the Review Board is that if this hospital will not treat traumatic, stroke, heart attack ,or serious medical conditions patients then what is the reason for the hospital. I believe that this will cost valuable time for the patient who think that this hospital is a choice they have to go to in a emergency when it is not. How will they handle when one of there routine OB delivery turns into an emergency and they don't have the care the mother or baby need to take care of them there, again costing value time. I just believe that Quincy Medical Group has not been open about this plan to our community and people think this will bring choices they have to go to the hospital where they want, but don't realize that QMG are only treating a certain kind of persons insurance and health.

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Denman Services Inc.  
golden, IL 62339



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My father went to QMG ambulatory care because he was experiencing chest pain. The registration department sent him to the business office to pay \$85.00 before he could be seen. Once he finally got to the ambulatory care department they told him that they couldn't treat him because of symptoms they thought he was having a heart attack and sent him to Blessing Hospital. Not one person suggested or thought it would be a good idea to call an ambulance. They just sent him on his way, but not before they demanded money from him. What kind of facility does that? How can you put money above a persons life? That was the day I decided that QMG doesn't really care about their patients' or our community, just about the money. My dad was having a heart attack, a major heart attack. Blessing Hospital did an amazing job of treating my dad and stabilizing him before transferring him to a hospital in Springfield where he had a 6 bypass done. Without the doctors at Blessing thinking fast and putting my dad first over money, he wouldn't of survived. I will always be grateful to Blessing for saving his life. He has been treated at Blessing for many heart related issues, including another heart attack. The cardiac unit at Blessing saved his life that time too, they do great work and save lives everyday. Blessing has always put lives and community over money, why do we need another hospital that is run by a company that doesn't care?

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