

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Certificate of Need Rules, Applications, Procedures
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 3:57:28 PM

Name: Laura Britton Curran

Represented Entity: those in opposition to QMG Hospital Project 20-044

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Message:

To whom it may concern:

I'd like to add my voice to those in sincere opposition to the building of a small hospital facility in Quincy by Quincy Medical Group and their investors. There are many reasons why I believe this endeavor is not feasible, but in the interest of brevity, I'll just name a few.

1. The days of Quincy being able to support more than one hospital facility are, sadly, long past. Our population has dwindled over the last 50 years, and we do not need another hospital.
2. QMG used to be a locally owned organization, but now is owned by a big city company with no history with and no ties to the heritage and the people of our community. In addition, they are of course, a for-profit business, which is in direct contrast to our wonderful, not-for-profit Blessing Hospital/Blessing Health System.
3. Blessing will likely lose so many federal funding dollars if it loses its status as sole community hospital. Over the years Blessing has been able to grow and to serve more and more specific medical and surgical needs than ever before. So very many area families and individuals no longer need to drive 100 miles or more (to St Louis, Springfield, Chicago, etc) for specialized surgeries, and as Blessing would be virtually penalized by the new hospital, so would so many of our patients who've benefited from the tremendous growth Blessing has experienced.

In a nutshell: it's a bad idea which might benefit some pocket books and wallets, but not so much the community and our patients. Thank you so much for your consideration.

--Laura B Curran

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Other
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 4:21:49 PM

Name: Nancy Emerick
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Message:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Quincy Medical Group's plan for another hospital plus maternity center in Quincy, IL. Quincy was unable to support 2 hospitals 30 years ago and even less patients are hospitalized today. There will undoubtedly be a duplication of costly services in a community of this size. I also have a concern that it will be confusing to patients who may show up there with a stroke, heart attack or other catastrophic illness that requires services only available at Blessing. This could cause a delay in care with a devastating outcome. Many vulnerable residents rely on the safety net services which are made possible through funding Blessing receives as the sole community hospital. In closing, for these reasons I am opposed to Quincy Medical Group's plan which I believe will weaken healthcare in my community.

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Other
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:05:25 PM

Name: James Wells
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Message:

I am writing in opposition to the planned Quincy Medical Group Hospital project. Quincy is not large enough to support two hospitals. It could not in the past and can not now.

QMG is no longer a local community conscious DR owned company. They sold out to a for profit health system from Chicago. They would utilize a "hospital" to cherry pick profitable patients, leaving the rest to come to Blessing.

When things go bad they will call EMS to transfer to Blessing. The transfer agreement has already been sent. Please reject this proposal to ensure Full quality care can be delivered in the safest environment.

Thank you,
Jim Wells RN

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Other
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 5:27:29 PM

Name: Timothy Ott, DO
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Message:

Re: QMG Hospital project 20-044

I am a family doctor in Quincy Il that serves over 8,000 patients in our practice. The majority of our patients are the underserved of the area (unlike Quincy Medical Group). Approving their application would critically wound the underserved of Adam's County!! Blessing Hospital is a Safety Net Hospital that would lose millions of dollars in federal fending if this second hospital was approved. Their hospital as planned would only serve the rich and famous and would significantly worsen access to quality medical care to those that need it the most.

Please, for the sake of the underserved (a silent minority in this QMG marketplace) deny their appeal for approval of this project. I would be happy to be available for further testimony or questions on this matter. The best way to reach me is my cell phone 217-592-2310.

Sincerely, Timothy Ott, DO, FAAFP

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: General Information including Meeting Schedules
Date: Monday, April 4, 2022 6:08:35 PM

Name: Sue Williams
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Message:

This email is in regards to QMG wish to open a small hospital in Quincy IL. I oppose this request as it will be a duplication of services, patients admitted to the hospital unfortunately decline and need a higher level of care during their admission. QMG will not have the availability of resources to manage patients who's conditions decline during the hospitalization & require a higher level of care or possibly go into cardiac arrest. People will be confused in regards to what services are available there and will walk in having a stroke, stemi, trauma that they would be unable to get the prompt care they need & deserve.

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Other
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:05:00 AM

Name: Laura Essington
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Message:

Quincy Medical Group small format hospital

This project is not needed in our community. We don't need two hospitals for the size of our town and surrounding areas to be served. This would be a duplication of services. With the nursing shortage, an addition of a new facility would also make finding qualified care givers nearly impossible. There are more nursing jobs available in our area than candidates. We also struggle to find other certified staff like radiology techs, ultrasound techs, respiratory therapists, etc. Quincy was not able to sustain two hospitals in our past and our population has not increased to warrant this need today. Quincy Medical Group is no longer locally owned. We need to make sure that our local hospital is the sole hospital so that all populations can be served. Blessing Health System invests significant dollars back into our communities each year and serves and treats every patient that presents not just those with insurance.

Please do not approve this request. Our community does not need two hospitals that perform same services within two miles of each other. I am opposed to this project.

Thanks for your time,
Laura Essington

From: [SecureData](#)
To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Certificate of Need Rules, Applications, Procedures
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:24:46 AM

Name: Monica Maple
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Message:

Reference: QMG Hospital Project 20-044

I would like to take a moment to express my concern of the proposed small format hospital due to the impacts this will have in our community. This proposed facility will mean that millions of safety net dollars that are used in our community today will be lost because Blessing Hospital will lose its sole community hospital status. The residents of Adams County depend on these dollars and the services that they bring. In addition, a community of this size cannot sustain two hospitals. The population in this area is declining and we have even less need for hospital beds than in the past. This proposed facility will weaken our healthcare system in the area by adding services and beds that are really unneeded.

Additionally, Quincy Medical Group is no longer a locally owned group with an interest in our area. QMG has changed over the years and is now controlled by a for-profit Chicago based company with great private equity investments. Chicago is greater than 250 miles from Quincy and the interests and needs of patients in the Chicago area varies from those in our small community. This facility would not be available to many of our most vulnerable patients. Our community needs services for mental health treatment, high risk mothers and babies, trauma care and critical care. This proposed facility jeopardizes those services and will not be beneficial to our community. Please do not approve this facility!

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To: [Constantino, Mike](#); [Simmons, April R.](#)
Subject: Feedback from website: Certificate of Need Rules, Applications, Procedures
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:42:26 AM

Name: Suzi Briscoe
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Message:

RE. QMG Hospital Project 20-044 - Attn Chairperson Debra Savage

I am writing in opposition to the Quincy Medical Group Hospital Project 20-044.

Quincy Illinois was not able to sustain two hospitals in the past, and Blessing Health System has beautifully and smartly swept in to encompass community and surrounding area healthcare, and replaced outdated facilities with innovative and geographically convenient locations for the tri-state area. The sole community hospital status funding that Blessing Health System receives has allowed for much needed safety net services, and the new small hospital will not be providing those services if those funds are hindered by this project. This would be highly unfavorable. These safety net services are a blessing and crucial to our citizens. The proposed small hospital would not be equipped to handle emergent, critical care and trauma, so if adding this limited location lessens funding to Blessing Hospital, which is capable of handling all levels of care, this is counter-productive. The beds that this extra hospital would provide are not needed, as the population has remained the same for ages and is now less than years past.

Respectfully,

Suzi Briscoe

From: [SecureData](#)
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Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:52:02 AM

Name: Theresa Oakley
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Message:

I am writing in opposition to the Quincy Medical Group application for a small format hospital in our community of Quincy. This hospital will add unneeded beds and services. The residents of our area rely on Blessing Hospital, our existing facility, as a safety net for the underinsured and uninsured population of our region. QMG has clearly demonstrated in the past that they will not provide services for these vulnerable patients. Blessing will lose its ability to serve these patients with the loss of sole community hospital status. Quincy was unable to sustain two hospitals in the past and our population has decreased. There is no demonstrable need to increase hospital services.

As a physician assistant who has provided healthcare in the community for 16 years, I see first hand the challenges we face providing care for our community members who struggle financially. Adding this hospital will only make meeting the needs of these community members that much harder. Thank you for your consideration.