

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,

We are residents of Quincy, Il and are writing this letter in opposition to the request of Quincy Medical Group Hospital Project 20-044.

It is our understanding that Blessing Hospital has reached out to the Quincy Medical Group to create a Clinical Integrated Network to Coordinate Care in our community---Quincy Medical Group declined to participate. We believe it is necessary for both parties to work together to achieve coordination of services in our community. The building a second hospital is not the solution, just a continuation of the issue.

Blessing Hospital already faces a variety of significant competition and continually strives to provide a very high quality of care to patients. The people they serve, trust and are thankful for the routine and complex suite of services they provide. It allows us to receive these services close to home. This is a very important point. Previously, we had to travel several hours away for these procedures. Now we can stay here and have the support of extended family and friends during a very stressful and difficult time. Secondly, it has lowered our out-of-pocket costs for lodging, gas and etc.

From our perspective the building of this hospital would leave Blessing to provide the care for the sickest and most vulnerable; those patients will still need Blessing Hospital. So, any cost savings this proposed hospital imagines will be tied to the facility not providing high- cost (less profitable) services. We believe this is a duplication of services which is something we do not need. Another issue to be considered is whether this is job "creation" or job replacement.

We believe Quincy can only support one hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

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