

Date: 5/20/21

Debra Savage, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Support for Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center's CON Application**

Dear Debra Savage,

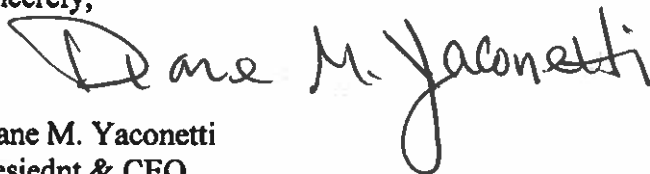
I am the President & CEO and am writing to express my support for Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center's Certificate of Need application to establish an ambulatory surgery center providing gastroenterology services in Libertyville, Illinois.

Lambs Farm Following the establishment of this endoscopy center, I expect to reestablish relationship with the center. As was the case previously with Winchester Surgery Endoscopy Center, I anticipate that this relationship will allow us to refer up to 50 patients annually whose professional fees and facility fees would be waived for endoscopic procedures, most importantly colonoscopies and esophagogastroduodenoscopy (or EGD) procedures. This arrangement would improve access to colonoscopies and EGDs to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured residents in Lake County. Colonoscopies provide the most effective means of screening for colorectal cancer and as a result help prevent one of the deadliest but most easily preventable diseases in the United States. Through this arrangement, Winchester Ambulatory Surgery Center will improve access for low-income patients to these life-saving services.

While certain protocols would need to be established related to patient confidentiality, referral procedures, information flow, etc., it appears such a relationship would be beneficial to our clients.

We support the proposed establishment of an ambulatory surgery center in Libertyville and look forward to formalizing our relationship.

Sincerely,



Diane M. Yaconetti  
President & CEO  
Lambs Farm