

April 27, 2021

Dr. Shakeel Ahmed  
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Dear Dr. Ahmed:


This is a letter of support for Physicians' Surgical Centre and your application to add Orthopedic surgery and consultations to the existing specialties of Ophthalmology and Pain Management to your ambulatory surgery center. As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, patients need to have options for procedures offered in alternative settings and not be required or forced to rely solely on Hospitals as the place for procedures. In these times patients need an option which is safer and cost effective for all procedures. Beyond the pandemic it is just as critical for patients and primary care providers to have options available where patients can be seen efficiently and safely and get the care they need, at a fraction of the cost. We continue to support your efforts to expand services and provide access to all who desire alternatives.

Chestnut Health Systems is a federally qualified health center, (FQHC) providing services in several local communities with serious health disparities. Access to all services, including orthopedic care, is important to all families we serve. Access to affordable services, especially specialty care, is also important for families and individuals to ensure all of their healthcare needs are met. As an FQHC, Chestnut Health Systems provides primary healthcare, including dental services, behavioral health and OB/GYN care. Having surgical services provided at ambulatory surgery centers, like Physicians' Surgical Centre, allows our clients to have quality as well as much more affordable care options.

As a provider that cares for persons with chronic medical and behavioral health conditions Chestnut Health Systems is committed to ensure our families are provided the best choices to access all levels of care including the current services and proposed Orthopedic Services at your center. We congratulate you on the addition of Ophthalmology and Pain Management services at PSC.

Again, we hope you are successful in this venture. You have our full support. Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

  
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