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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Services Review Board:

I would like to offer my support for the expansion of orthopedic services to the Physicians' Surgical Centre. As we are all well aware, Physicians' Surgical Centre has a track record of providing convenient, cost saving and quality care to the indigent population of Southwest Illinois for more than 20 years. In its new location it is even better poised to provide much needed care to patients who in many cases are underinsured and/or underserved, thus have care and referral access issues. Therefore, these patients do not have the same quality of care and support that patients with commercial insurances have experienced.

As we are well aware the Physicians' Surgical Center and its affiliates are the largest specialty provider of healthcare to federally qualified patient's in Southwestern Illinois, even eclipsing the services provided by all local hospitals. This is an astonishing and noteworthy accomplishment. Therefore, I applauded and offer my enthusiastic support for the addition of Orthopedic services as I did for Ophthalmology and Pain Management to the center in O'Fallon, Illinois.

The majority of patients served in my practice are covered by one of the Medicaid plans. Many times when trying to refer a patient to specialists and hospitals for screening procedures or surgeries the patient's insurance coverage is a road block to access services. Because Physician's Surgical Centre has provided more timely consultations this has prevented delays in care. I have referred numerous patients to PSC in the past and look forward to referring patients to the Physicians' Surgical Center for orthopedic consults and surgeries in the future. The addition of orthopedics as a specialty service at PSC allows me to serve my patients and families more efficiently and prevent needless delays complicated by travel outside of their own community for specialty care.

I overwhelmingly endorse and support the proposal to add orthopedic services to Physicians' Surgical Centre.

Sincerely,



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