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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
c/o Courtney Avery, Administrator
525 W Jefferson St, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for the Relocation of IP Rehab Services to the Greater Peoria Specialty Hospital
Project: 21-014, Greater Peoria Specialty Hospital, Peoria

As a leader within our local community, Katie McCord Jenkins, President and Chairperson at Illinois Mutual, I am writing to express my support of the plans by OSF HealthCare and Kindred Healthcare to partner to provide comprehensive physical rehabilitation services locally. I support the plans to relocate rehabilitation services currently provided at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center to the Greater Peoria Specialty Hospital.

Inpatient rehabilitation is a critical component in helping our friends, neighbors, family members and colleagues who have experienced a loss of function or disability due to stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, neurological disorders, orthopedic surgery and other conditions. Also, long-term acute care is extremely important in delivering care for people we know and love whose ailments may be considered difficult-to-treat or medically complex.

Bringing the rehabilitation services provided by OSF HealthCare into the same building as the long-term acute care at Greater Peoria Specialty Hospital will bring forward improvements and efficiencies in care delivery for both rehabilitation and long-term acute care patients. The new collaborative programs will provide increased access for local patients.

I stand with OSF HealthCare and Kindred Healthcare in supporting patients and families who are seeking highly specialized yet local access to care. I appreciate your consideration and request your support of this project and approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Katie', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Katie McCord Jenkins
President and Chairperson
Illinois Mutual