

Evanston Hospital

August 2, 2021

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 63761

RE: Project #21-016
NorthShore University HealthSystem Cardiovascular Institute

Dear Ms. Avery:

NorthShore Evanston Hospital supports the NorthShore University HealthSystem proposal to modernize cardiology services and build a comprehensive cardiovascular services complex on the Glenbrook Hospital campus in Glenview, Illinois.

Our plans for NorthShore's Cardiovascular Institute represent a significant step forward for the broad array of cardiovascular services that the Cardiovascular Institute represents. The planned project will create the space needed to develop new cardiovascular program opportunities by allowing for greater interdisciplinary and specialty coordination. Doing so will improve quality of care, access, efficiencies and patient and physician satisfaction.

Although Evanston Hospital will be closing its open heart surgery program in conjunction with the opening of the new cardiovascular procedures pavilion at Glenbrook Hospital, Evanston Hospital will continue to offer urgent and emergent cardiovascular services, including cardiac catheterizations and other emergency cardiovascular procedures. Cardiovascular screening, prevention and disease management programs will also continue to be available on the Evanston Hospital campus as well as at area outpatient Cardiovascular Institute clinics.

I am confident that our plans for the Cardiovascular Institute on the Glenbrook campus will improve our cardiovascular patient care, as I have seen how well the institute model is working with our musculoskeletal care services at Skokie

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Hospital. This transition will also enable Evanston Hospital to focus on other tertiary care services and to serve as the hub for oncology, oncological surgery and neurosurgery services. I am also excited to see the focused development of these services move forward.

I fully support Project #21-016, and urge you to approve this important next phase for NorthShore's Cardiovascular Institute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. M. Silverstein", written over a horizontal line.

Douglas M. Silverstein
President, NorthShore Evanston Hospital
NorthShore University HealthSystem