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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Savage:

We wish to provide you and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (the “HFSRB”) with a statement of concern related to the plans of Kindred Hospital of Chicago North (hereafter “Kindred”) to establish a 15-bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit.

Our primary concern with this request is that there is no shortage of rehabilitation beds in the Chicago Area, as you are likely aware. The addition of another provider will not improve patient access to acute inpatient rehabilitation care.

Quantitatively, as we are confident your staff will point out, there is no calculated need for additional comprehensive physical rehabilitation beds/facilities in Chicago, with every single provider of the service operating under the HFSRB’s target occupancy rate in 2020. In fact, and as documented in the most recent addendum to the HFSRB’s *Inventory of Health Care Facilities*, an excess of 203 rehabilitation beds already exists in the City of Chicago.

Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital respectfully asks the HFSRB to consider the plentiful number of rehabilitation beds in Chicago and the subsequent impact of adding unnecessary rehabilitation beds when making the decision regarding approval of the Kindred request.

We appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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