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Debra Savage, Chairperson Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

## RE: Letter of Support CON #22-008 – Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage:

Please accept this letter of support for the Certificate of Need application submitted by Acadia Healthcare ("Acadia") for the modernization of Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH") located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago.

While Northwestern Memorial Hospital ("NMH") and MBHH will offer similar adult and older adult mental health services, NMH looks forward to working collaboratively with MBHH to ensure access to this critical need for patients of all ages. As an academic medical center, NMH may be an option for patients who present to MBHH who require a higher scope of services than will be offered at MBHH.

Northwestern Medicine is encouraged by Acadia's dedication to the advancement of behavioral health. The proposed relaunch of the adult, children's, and outpatient pavilions will contribute to meeting the significant need for behavioral health services in the greater Chicago area, which has an estimated need of more than 2,000 beds. Chicagoland and its surrounding communities stand to benefit from Acadia's treatment programs.

Northwestern Medicine supports Acadia's proposed project and respectfully encourages your favorable consideration.

Sincerely, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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