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Debra Savage, Chairperson
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Project 22-008: Montrose Behavioral Health Support Letter for Modernization of Hospital

Dear Ms. Savage:

I am writing to you in support of Acadia Healthcare's ("Acadia's") efforts to modernize and operate the behavioral health hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, under the name Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital ("MBHH").

Nicasa Behavioral Health Services ("Nicasa") is a not-for-profit behavioral health services organization that is building brighter futures for vulnerable and at-risk children, adults, and families across eight locations in northern Illinois. Since 1966, Nicasa's network of dedicated and caring professionals has been pioneering award-winning efforts in prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery. Our mission is transforming one life at a time through our behavioral and social health services. This mission drives our vision strengthen the communities we serve and we fully recognize and understand that behavioral health is an integral and critical component of a patient's overall health.

Acadia is the nationally recognized leading provider of inpatient and outpatient behavioral health and substance use treatment services and has vast resources to meet these needs. Acadia's national platform operates 230 treatment facilities (including approximately 46 inpatient hospitals), with 10,200+ beds, treating over 70,000 patients each day across 40 states and Puerto Rico. Over 20,000 dedicated employees provide the full continuum of care services including residential treatment, partial hospitalization (PHP), intensive outpatient (IOP) and telehealth. Acadia also provides access to specialized treatment programs in areas including Med-Psych, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress, military designated units, substance use disorders and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

Like Nicasa, Acadia provides a broad range and full complement of services reflecting best practices in mental health. Acadia, through its adult and pediatric programs at MBHH, will be a key contributor to health and wellness in Chicago by providing a broad continuum of behavioral services for patients of all ages in the community. We strongly believe that Acadia, through MBHH, will be a critical and innovative partner in providing healing services for Chicagoland residents and we fully support this project. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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