

April 22, 2022

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

**RE: Modernization of Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital; Project #22-008**

Dear Ms. Savage:

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago ("Lurie Children's") submits this letter in support of the modernization of Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital located at 4840 N. Marine Drive in Chicago, operated by Acadia Healthcare ("Acadia").

Lurie Children's is the largest pediatric provider in the region, delivering superior pediatric care in a setting that offers the latest benefits and innovations in medical technology and advanced research. The Pritzker Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health at Lurie Children's is staffed and equipped to manage the complex care of children in both inpatient and outpatient settings. We have seen that the pandemic has been devastating to children's mental health. Illinois has far too few inpatient psychiatric beds for children and youth and far too few residential facilities with pediatric beds to serve these children.

Acadia is the largest stand-alone behavioral health company in the United States and treats patients of all ages including children, adolescents, adults, and seniors. Acadia also provides access to specialized treatment programs in areas including Med-Psych, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress, substance use disorders and medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Acadia's relaunch of the adult, children's and outpatient pavilions will certainly contribute to meeting the significant behavioral health services needs in the greater Chicago area.

Lurie Children's supports Acadia's modernization of Montrose Behavioral Health Hospital and encourages you to approve the project.

Sincerely,



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