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August 1, 2023

Via Federal Express  
Via Email

Mr. Michael Constantino  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review  
Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Pepper Road Endoscopy Center (Proj. No. 22-024)**

Dear Mr. Constantino:

I am writing on behalf of Pepper Road Endoscopy Center, LLC and Fox Glen, LLC (the "Permit Holders") to request a 12-month renewal of the Pepper Road Endoscopy Center permit and a new completion date of September 30, 2024. On September 13, 2022, the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board ("HFSRB") approved the certificate of need application for the establishment of a limited specialty ambulatory surgical treatment center to be located at 22285 North Pepper Road, Lake Barrington (the "Project"). As you know, the planned Project will specialize in endoscopy services, specifically colorectal screening. Due to various issues beyond the Permit Holders' control, e.g., leadership transition, labor issues and supply chain disruptions, the construction work continues, and the Project requires an additional 12 months for completion beyond the current planned completion date.

**1. Requested Permit Completion Date**

The Permit Holders request the HFSRB grant a 12-month renewal of the Surgery Center permit with a new September 30, 2024 project completion date.

**2. Status of the Project**

Minor modifications to the endoscopy center space are needed for Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") licensure, i.e., close up windows in the fire wall and potential replacement of flooring in the procedure rooms. To date, the windows in the fire wall have been closed.

As of the date of this letter, the Permit Holders have expended \$5,500 on the Project.

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### **3. Statement Regarding Completion of the Project**

Modifications of the endoscopy center are nearly complete. The windows located in the firewall have been closed with only potential replacement of the flooring in the procedure rooms to be completed. While not part of construction, completion of policies and procedures, contracts, employee files, credentialing, electronic health records, staff hiring, billing, emergency preparedness, infection control, quality and governance need to be completed before the endoscopy center is IDPH survey ready.

Due to the departure of the endoscopy/ambulatory surgery center manager in November 2022 as well as the labor issues and supply chain disruptions, progress on the Project was delayed by several months.

### **4. Confirmatory Evidence of Project Compliance**

I hereby certify, pursuant to 77 Ill. Admin. Code §1130.740, the Permit Holders' compliance with the scope and costs of the project approved by the HFSRB pursuant to Project Permit #22-024.

Based on the above information, which is provided to the HFSRB in compliance with Section 1130.740 of the Illinois Administrative Code, the Permit Holders formally request a 12-month renewal of their permit for Project #22-024 and a new project completion date of September 30, 2024.

If you need any additional information or have any questions regarding the status of the Project, please feel free to contact Anne Cooper at [acooper@polsinelli.com](mailto:acooper@polsinelli.com) or 312-873-3606.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manish Bhuvra".

Manish Bhuvra, M.D.

Enclosure