



Mr. John Kniery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

July 6, 2022

**Re: Springfield Clinic – Springfield Ambulatory Surgery Center  
Establishment of Cardiac Catheterization – Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Kniery,

I write in support of Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to establish cardiac catheterization services at its Ambulatory Surgery Center in Springfield.

McDonough District Hospital (MDH) has been serving the McDonough County Community for over sixty years and resides in a rural underserved area and is recognized as a sole community provider. For over twenty years MDH has developed and maintained a strong collaboration with the nine Springfield Clinic primary care providers on our campus. As part of their clinical coverage, specialists from the Springfield Clinic main campus in Springfield are rotated thru on a weekly basis to assure the patients of the primary care providers receive appropriate specialty care services.

We whole heartedly support Springfield Clinic's efforts to establish a cardiac catheterization services at the Ambulatory Surgery Center in Springfield. This will help to facilitate long standing efforts to support the patient care needs for all McDonough County residents in an important specialty that's needed in this region.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Dietz, FACHE  
President/Chief Executive Officer  
McDonough District Hospital