

October 12, 2022

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

Re: Establishment of Cardiac Catherization – Letter of Support for Springfield Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Center

Dear Chairwoman Savage:

Physicians of the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) support Springfield Clinic's application for a Certificate of Need to establish cardiac catherization services at its Ambulatory Surgery Center in Springfield.

Ensuring access to medical care for every Illinois resident is a priority for ISMS. As with many medical services, there is increased demand for cardiology services in central Illinois. Springfield Clinic's plan to expand cardiac catherization services will provide that access for many patients in need of such services. Technology advancements have made the procedures done in an outpatient catherization lab not only safe for patients, but cost effective as well.

Physicians of the Illinois State Medical Society very much appreciate your consideration with this important matter, and respectfully urge you and the other members of the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Springfield Clinic's application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Anderson, MD Chair, Board of Trustees

**Illinois State Medical Society** 

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