



November 22, 2022

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

Re: Springfield Clinic Cardiac Catheterization Lab Project No. 22-027 – No Objection

Dear Mr. Kniery:

In 2019, the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board (“Review Board”) approved Quincy Medical Group’s project to establish a new surgery center. That project, Project No. 18-042, also approved the establishment of a new cardiac catheterization lab. We are proud to have completed that project and performed our first cardiac catheterization in December of 2021. As the only surgery center in Illinois with a freestanding cardiac cath lab, we can attest to the safety and cost savings of performing these procedures in the surgery center setting.

Springfield Clinic notified us of its intent to establish cardiac catheterization services before filing its application. We understand that your regulations specify that an applicant document that it will perform at least 200 cardiac catheterization procedures annually within two years after initiation of the service and that no additional cardiac catheterization service should be started unless each facility in the planning area is performing a minimum of 400 procedures annually. This calendar year will be the first full year we have offered this service, and we expect to achieve these targets next year and before Springfield Clinic estimates it will begin providing these services if approved by the Review Board. We also note that our surgery center is 113 miles from the Springfield Clinic surgery center in Springfield, and we do not anticipate that the establishment of cardiac catheterization services at Springfield Clinic’s facility will negatively affect the volume of cardiac catheterization procedures performed at our facility.

We have no objection to Springfield Clinic’s request to establish cardiac catheterization services at its surgery center in Springfield.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol Brockmiller, CMPE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Quincy Medical Group