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November 23, 2022

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

Re: Springfield Clinic – Cardiac Catheterization Project
Project No. 22-027
Update on Surgery Center Service to Medicaid Recipients

Dear Ms. Savage:

We are pleased to inform you that after careful study, analysis and mission discernment Springfield Clinic has approved a new policy on Medicaid for surgery centers and is actively working to implement that new policy.

We had met with Review Board staff earlier this year for a technical assistance meeting regarding this project. At that meeting staff had asked whether we would be accepting Medicaid as part of providing this new service. At that time, we responded honestly that we did not presently have plans to accept Medicaid.

Although historically our surgery center has not accepted Medicaid, Springfield Clinic has a long history of providing physician and clinical care for patients in the Medicare and Medicaid programs at the Surgery Center. Springfield Clinic's Medicaid patient population ranges from 8-30% for the communities in which we provide care in Central Illinois. For 2022, through October our Rural Health locations have served over 53,000 patients and had over 140,000 appointments. Of that, 49% of those appointments the patients had either Medicare or Medicaid.

We know that access to care is an important concern of Review Board members. The technical assistance meeting with your staff, and the Medicaid inquiry, became the catalyst for us to review our surgery center Medicaid policy. Since that technical assistance meeting, we analyzed having the surgery center participate in Medicaid modeled the costs of offering access to Medicaid and consulted with our member physicians. On October 27 the Springfield Clinic Board of Directors voted to proceed with implementing accepting Medicaid at our surgery centers. This decision applies to all operations going forward - both in our Springfield and Peoria ASTCs and for all specialties, not just for our cardiac catheterization project.

We have submitted our application to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and are pleased to report that our application has been approved. More tangibly, we are working on scheduling Medicaid surgery center patients and anticipate seeing our first Medicaid patient before the end of this year.



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In our modeling and projection, we anticipate that the Medicaid utilization will reflect the physician serves we provide. Our historical utilization has been 53.58% Medicare and 7.98% Medicaid. Pediatrics represents a high percentage of our Medicaid physician services but this population is a relatively lower percentage of Surgery Center utilization. Our projection is that Medicaid will represent 5-7% of patients at the surgery center after fully implemented.

As always, please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Boyer".

Jennifer Boyer

cc: Mr. John Kniery
Mike Constantino
Joe Ourth

Enclosure: Medicaid Application Approval Notification Received 11/22/2022