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Via Electronic Mail

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 Project 22-027 (the "Project")
Department of Healthcare and Family Services Information

Dear Mr. Kniery:

We want to update you regarding progress in working with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS). When our Project first appeared before the Review Board the Director of DHFS had read into the public participation record a letter that expressed some concern about the level of Medicaid services at our surgery center. We hope that we have successfully addressed that issue.

Since our initial Review Board meeting, we have worked with DHFS to reconcile numbers and history at the surgery center and more importantly for our overall clinical operations. We have also sought to establish evidence of our expanded Medicaid coverage. As of last month, Medicaid volume at the Surgery Center was 2.7%. By comparison, the statewide median Medicaid for all Illinois surgery centers is 0.03%. We are well on the way to achieving the 5-7% level we promised the Board.

In the attached August 22, 2023, letter we provided extensive documentation to DHFS to address comments made at the first hearing. That letter provided considerable data and other information. In that letter we also asked that DHFS let us know if there were any remaining questions so that we could address those issues in advance of the October 3 Review Board meeting. We are pleased to inform the Board that we have not heard from the department regarding any additional concerns. We trust this means all concerns have been addressed with DHFS about the original project. Our goal is to be a valued partner with them in serving Medicaid patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Boyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent than the last name "Boyer".

Jennifer Boyer
Senior Vice President of Operations

Attachment