

Mr. John Kniery

Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board

[525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761](#)

Re: Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center (Proj. No. 23-033)

Dear Mr. Kniery:

I have written this letter in support of Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center in its plans to establish a limited specialty surgery center in Joliet, Illinois focused on pain management.

Surgery centers play a vital role in ensuring patient's have access to pain management in a convenient and affordable setting. When performed in a surgery center, both patients and payors save money because surgery centers perform the procedures at a lower cost than hospital outpatient departments. Surgery centers are efficient providers of surgical services, providing high quality surgical care, excellent outcomes, and a high level of patient satisfaction. Patients often report an enhanced experience at a surgery center compared to hospitals due, in part, to easier access to parking, shorter waiting times, and ease of access into and out of the operating rooms. Finally, surgeons are more efficient due to faster turnover of operating rooms, designated surgical times without the risk of delay due to more urgent procedures, and specialized nursing staff.

I am a long time patient of Dr. Sharma and I recommend him to many of my coworkers, friends and family. He and his team have given me treatment that has been extremely beneficial to my daily living. He would make a great asset and leader in our community.

Currently, there are not adequate options in the community for pain management services. I support Pain & Spine Institute Surgery Center's application for a limited specialty surgery center to help people in the community with debilitating chronic pain to cope and make their day to day lives more manageable.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Noelle Mines