



WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

September 8, 2023

Dear Health Facilities and Services Review Board,

I am writing to express my support for the Chicago Children's Surgery Center and its mission to increase access to essential operating room dental services for patients whose families struggle financially and patients covered by Medicaid. I have seen firsthand the impact that long wait times for dental procedures can have on vulnerable populations, particularly children.

The Chicago Children's Surgery Center will provide a critical solution to this problem by offering dental procedures in an operating room setting, which is often necessary for patients with extensive work, complex medical conditions, or other special needs. By reducing wait times and increasing access to care, the Center will help ensure that all children in our community have the opportunity to achieve optimal oral health.

The mission of the Will County Community Health Center is to improve the health of the residents of Will County by providing access to quality integrated medical, behavioral health, and dental care through community collaboration, service, and education. We are happy to collaborate with and support organizations like the Chicago Children's Surgery Center that share our values to improve the lives of those we serve. We understand the Chicago Children's Surgery Center has agreed to accept our patients and expects to treat them within 2-3 weeks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary E. Maragos'.

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