

November 29, 2023

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

Re: Support of Project #23-047

Dear Chair Savage,

Please approve the recent Certificate of Need application filed by O'Fallon Surgical Center to add spine surgery in O'Fallon, Illinois. As a satisfied patient, I appreciate being able to have surgery in an ambulatory surgical center where services often cost only 25% to 50% of what they would if performed in a hospital. These lower costs help patients like me as well as our employers and government payors which pay for expensive healthcare. Further, I much prefer the convenient ASC setting over having to navigate a hospital campus to obtain these services especially if that means I don't have to go to Missouri for care.

By expanding O'Fallon Surgical Center, its management is investing in the health and well-being of our community. Accessible and efficient healthcare services are fundamental to fostering a thriving and resilient population especially for specialties that improve functionality by reducing or eliminating spine pain.

I am confident that this expansion aligns with a shared commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services to our community. I support it wholeheartedly and respectfully request the State of Illinois approve it.

Best regards,



Paul Clark
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December 1, 2023

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Re: Support of IHFSRB Project #23-047

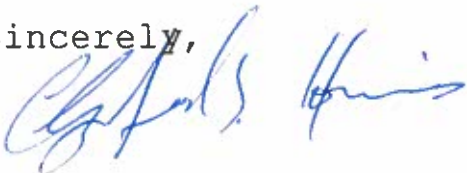
Dear Ms. Savage,

As a resident of the Metro East region across the state border from St. Louis, Missouri, I'm writing to encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve O'Fallon Surgical Center's request to allow new specialist physicians to join the staff and provide care to area patients. O'Fallon Surgical Center is an important component of access to services in the area, as patients often leave Illinois to obtain care in St. Louis. By expanding the scope of services available at this center, residents like me will be able to obtain lower cost, high quality surgical care in their home state and closer to home.

I have nothing but positive things to say about the staff and facilities at this center and am in full support of its plan to bring a new physician who specializes in musculoskeletal care to the medical staff.

I urge the Planning Board to approve the expansion plan which will improve access to care in the community.

Sincerely,



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December 4, 2023

Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support of IHFSRB Project #23-047 for O'Fallon Surgical Center

Dear Ms. Savage,

I'm reaching out to express my support for O'Fallon Surgical Center's request to allow new physicians to perform spine surgery which will include pain management procedures. Both this surgery center and its sister center in Fairview Heights have a stellar reputation for quality and patient satisfaction. Anyone who has received care there knows that they offer an exceptional overall patient experience. They have convenient hours, shorter wait times, and a skilled and a friendly and approachable care team.

As the population in my community continues to age, demand for surgical services to manage musculoskeletal care needs associated with the aging process will no doubt increase as well. It is vital that O'Fallon Surgical Center provide a broader array of specialties to address community needs for ambulatory surgical services.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board to approve its plan to bring Dr. Yazdi on the medical staff to support access to high quality, cost effective surgical care.

Respectfully,



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