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

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Project #23-047 Support Letter

Dear Debra,

I would like to offer my support for the expansion of surgical specialties at O'Fallon Surgical Center (OFC). As we are all aware, OFC has a track record of providing convenient, cost saving and high quality care to the local population in Southwest Illinois for more than 20 years. Its presence in my community brings peace of mind to patients and residents who know they will be in good hands when outpatient surgical procedures are necessary. OFC is a patient-focused facility complete with skilled healthcare professionals using the technology and resources they need to provide first-class care.

The proposed additional specialty of spine surgery at OFC will allow more patients and families to obtain care efficiently and will prevent needless delays complicated by travel outside of the community and, oftentimes, outside of the state.

In conclusion, I enthusiastically endorse the expansion of patient care services as proposed by OFC.

Kind regards,



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Re: Project #23-047 Letter of Support

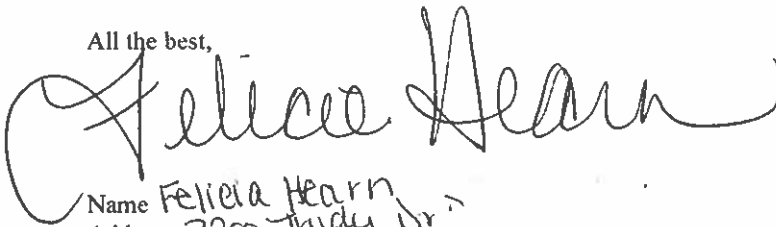
Dear Ms. Savage,

This is a letter of support for the addition of spine and pain management procedures at O'Fallon Surgical Center in O'Fallon, Illinois. Knowing that our nation's federal deficit is ballooning due to out-of-control healthcare costs, I feel the addition of these procedures in an outpatient setting in our community would be a step in the right direction towards cost savings for Medicare and other forms of health insurance. This is particularly important in my community given its proximity to Scott Air Force Base and its over 20,000 military personnel, family members and employees.

Residents of Scott Air Force Base, O'Fallon and surrounding communities need access to low cost and safe healthcare in the outpatient setting. This proposal would expand such access by allowing additional physicians to provide services in a high quality ambulatory surgery center.

I wholeheartedly support the addition of Dr. Yazdi to the medical staff at O'Fallon Surgical Center.

All the best,



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Re: Support for Project #23-047 (O'Fallon Surgical Center)

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Dear Services Review Board,

This is a letter of support for O'Fallon Surgical Center in its endeavor to add spine surgery to its facility. Patients in O'Fallon, Illinois and surrounding areas need an option which is safer and better for non-complex spine procedures and pain management injections. This is particularly true given that O'Fallon is thriving. It is the fastest-growing community in the St. Louis Metro East area with projected population growth from 32,289 residents in 2023 to 45,000+ in 2040. Further, O'Fallon is located along Interstate 64, which is the region's primary highway making it easily accessible to hundreds of thousands of people in nearby areas.

Access to affordable services, especially specialty care is important for families and individuals to ensure their healthcare needs are met. Having surgical services provided at ambulatory surgery centers like O'Fallon Surgical Center allows patients like me to have a more affordable and convenient option.

I hope O'Fallon Surgical Center is successful in its application to add spine surgery. It has my full support.

Sincerely,



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Re: Support for CON Application 23-047

Dear Ms. Savage,

Please accept this as my support for the addition of Joseph Yazdi, MD on the medical staff at O'Fallon Surgical Center to perform spine surgeries and pain injections in O'Fallon Illinois. Surgery Centers are the future of healthcare. As you know, the government, CMS and almost all private insurances are putting their weight behind the movement of outpatient surgical procedures to surgery centers across the country. Insurances like Blue Cross Blue Shield and United Healthcare are requiring prior authorization for surgeries if they have to be done in a hospital. This is no surprise, as we all know that surgery centers provide the same level of care and service that hospitals do at less than one-third of the cost. I would like to see this specialty added at O'Fallon Surgical Center and am hoping it will continue to provide the same quality healthcare they have for the last 20+ years.

I have firsthand experience in utilizing outpatient services and can attest to the efficiency, quality and professionalism provided by the staff at the O'Fallon Surgical Center. Ease of access and convenience are also critical factors to ensure all patients receive services regardless of any factors other than patient choice. O'Fallon Surgical Center demonstrates this and will expand access with the additional specialty in the proposal.

Respectfully,



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