

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital (Project #24-018)

Dear Chair Savage,

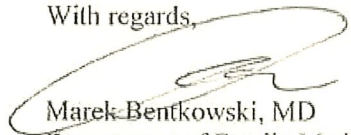
My name is Dr. Marek Bentkowski and I'm a family practice physician. I am writing to support Beloit Health System's request to update its NorthPointe facility in Roscoe by building out a shelled portion of its facilities to be designed for inpatient care with a dedicated emergency department and inpatient surgery to treat acute emergency medical conditions for patients presenting with severe symptoms. This small format neighborhood hospital, will be an important resource for patients in need of emergency department services on the Illinois side of the State Line Community. The current lack of immediate emergency medical attention is a serious concern for area residents.

As a primary care physician in Roscoe, Illinois, I am proud of the care we provide to the residents of Winnebago County. My patients already have the benefit of a good number of healthcare services on the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus. NorthPointe Wellness is the only fitness facility in State Line Community offering a medically integrated approach to wellness. Members have access to a team of certified and degreed fitness specialists, dietitians and health educators who can help develop personalized fitness and wellness programs. This campus also houses an immediate care center, various healthcare related ancillary diagnostic services, an ambulatory surgery center, a newly opened birthing center, physician offices/clinics as well as Northpointe Terrace, an assisted living facility.

Given the Beloit Health System has been vital healthcare provider in our community for over 15 years and its immediate care facility is already staffed with board-certified emergency room physicians, adding emergency department and inpatient services is a natural next step in the continuum of care. With a program that can admit patients and perform inpatient surgeries, the NorthPointe campus will be able to better serve the area communities and will also be better positioned to facilitate ambulance or helicopter transports when a higher level of care, including tertiary care is required.

With these points in mind, I sincerely urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this CON Permit Application.

With regards,



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