

June 21, 2024

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

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

Dear Ms. Savage,

In my ophthalmology practice, I perform procedures at NorthPointe Surgery Center in Roscoe, Illinois. Through this experience, I have developed a strong working relationship with the specialists at Beloit Health System and have come to depend on their ability to provide specialty care when my patients need access to rehabilitation, infectious disease services, wound healing, or other ancillary services. Beloit provides my patients with an extended continuity of care while allowing me to specialize in my area of expertise.

Fortunately, as a non-profit health system, Beloit Health System accepts most of the insurance plans covering this region, including Medicaid and Medicare managed care plans. This allows me to treat my patients regardless of their payor source so they can focus on getting better. This region relies on Beloit Health System for its unique strengths, and that's why improving access to care on the NorthPointe campus is crucial.

I encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit's proposal to expand access to inpatient and emergency services for residents of Roscoe and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michal Gutowski
Ophthalmology