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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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I am writing to express opposition to Beloit Health System, Inc.'s proposed NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital in Roscoe, Illinois. While the project may seem beneficial at first glance, this is an unnecessary project that specifically targets the patients and health care resources in northern Illinois, including Rockford. If approved, it will ultimately result in significant negative consequences for our community's health care systems and the overall health care market in Illinois.

The Rockford community, which is only 11 miles from Roscoe, is blessed with exceptional health care services. It is the only city of its size in Illinois that has three trauma centers, all of which are easily accessible for the Roscoe community, and we have highly trained specialists completing world-class procedures. The proposed NorthPointe hospital threatens to weaken our amazing health care services by cherry picking the higher income patients in Roscoe and Rockton, bedroom communities of Rockford, with the expectation of transfer to Beloit Memorial Hospital, and possibly even Madison, Wisconsin.

The City of Rockford has an average median household income of \$53,994. Conversely, Roscoe and Rockton are \$98,750 and \$111,065 respectively. This proposed hospital risks the migration of health care provided to an overwhelmingly white, young, and affluent demographic to a neighboring state, which would have a negative impact on the ability of our existing hospitals, including those in Rockford, to afford to provide care to those who are underinsured or uninsured by altering the existing payer mix. Beloit Health System's proposed project does not help the poor, minority, or older demographic, instead it could hurt those demographics throughout northern Illinois.



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This negative impact on the financial stability of our existing health care systems will only worsen if the new hospital is allowed to move forward. If approved, the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital would set a precedent for others health care systems to mimic Beloit Health System's approach, sending the message to others that the patients and resources in Illinois can be used for their own gain to the detriment of our Illinois communities.

I strongly urge you to oppose the establishment of a new hospital and instead send the message to all health care facilities in neighboring states that Illinois resources are for Illinois facilities and not theirs to take.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Thomas P. McNamara
Mayor, City of Rockford

Enclosure: Map

Hospitals near NorthPointe

Beloit Memorial Hospital

From NorthPointe: **16 minutes/11.1 miles**

Mercyhealth (Javon Bea Hospital, just off I-90)

Level 1 Trauma Center

From NorthPointe: **15 minutes/11.7 miles**

OSF St. Anthony

Level 1 Trauma Center

From NorthPointe: **23 minutes/17.1 miles**

UW Health (Swedes)

Level 2 Trauma Center

From NorthPointe: **29 minutes/15.4 miles**

UW Health (Swedes) Belvidere Hospital

From NorthPointe: **26 minutes/23 miles**

Additional Emergency Services

Mercyhealth Beloit

Multi-specialty Clinic

New free-standing ED opening 2025

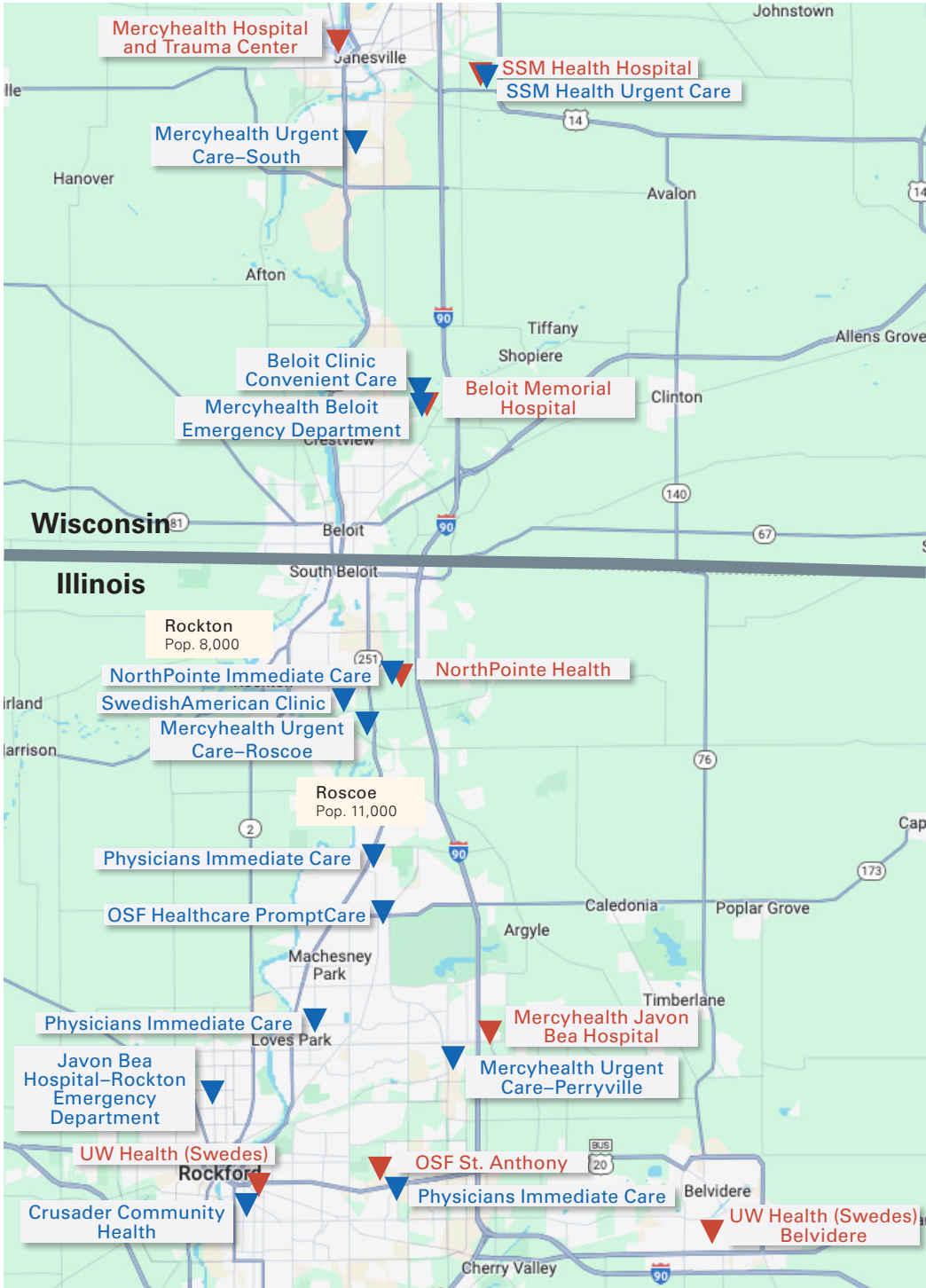
From Northpointe: **16 minutes/11.4 miles**

Mercyhealth Roscoe

24/7 Urgent Care staffed by board certified emergency medicine physicians

From NorthPointe: 6 minutes/2.5 miles

From Javon Bea Hospital: **17 minutes/11.8 miles**



22 Emergency Departments and Urgent Cares
within a 17-mile patient catchment area