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Re: Heart Care of Illinois Expansion

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to stress the need for Heart Care of Illinois to expand the medical services it provides its patients in the firm's current facility in Merrionette Park. Many of the residents in Palos Heights are patients of Heart Care of Illinois and visit this facility for medical treatment.

The need for on-site medical testing has increased tremendously in recent years. Local hospitals used to provide these services however the aging population has created the need for urgent care off-site facilities. In addition, medical firms like Heart Care of Illinois expanded the medical testing needs in many of their facilities.

The primary reason for medical expansion is to provide its patients timely and convenient medical testing. Heart Care of Illinois would like to offer ALL the testing Available in the Merrionette Park (MP) location. This HC location is a fully licensed surgical center now. The MP services include testing for echo cardiograms, stress testing, lab work, EKGs, etc. In addition, I endorse ANY new procedures like angiography and intervention as well as electrophysiology ablation. The aforementioned procedures will benefit patients and help to ease the delays in arranging hospital services.

On behalf of the thousands of Palos Heights residents I fully support the application for greater medical services provided by Heart Care . It should be noted, Palos Heights and adjoining suburbs, have an extremely high concentration of senior citizens. If the medical application is approved the new services will be beneficial for many of the Heart Care patients.

Thank you, Alderman Michael T. McGrogan City of Palos Heights

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