

September 25, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage, Chairwoman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Ms. Savage,

We are writing to you to acknowledge our support for the conversion project of 12 obstetric beds to 12 medical/surgical beds at Advocate Christ Medical Center. Our roles at Advocate Christ Medical Center serve as the lead supervisors for the hospitalist program with Advocate Medical Group (AMG).

Advocate Christ Medical Center has experienced a decrease in deliveries that coincides with the national birth rate declines. In addition, inpatient patient days at Advocate Christ Medical Center have increased and are projected to continue to rise. With Advocate Christ Medical Center being the only tertiary/quaternary referral center and Level 1 trauma center in the region, the medical/surgical conversion project will help to improve access for the community in the South Chicagoland Area. Patients residing in the region depend on Advocate Christ Medical Center for their higher level of care, as it is the hospital in the service area that admits the most critically ill patients.

We respectfully ask the Illinois Health Facility and Services review board to approve Advocate Christ Medical Center's medical/surgical conversion project.

Sincerely,

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