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MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

by electronic mail

June 27, 2025

Mr. John Kniery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities
and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Application 25-012
Mt. Zion Center for Surgery

Dear John:

The above-referenced application addresses the establishment of an ASTC for the provision of orthopedic and podiatric surgery services. At the time of the filing, the only podiatrist anticipated to refer patients to the ASTC, Dr. Asad Sohail, had just joined the practice of the orthopedic surgeons, and as such, his practice was in its infancy.

Letters from the surgeons, identifying historical and projected surgical volumes were included in the application, in order to "justify" the scope of the project. At the time of the application's filing, Dr. Sohail, being new to the community, was in the process of "building" his practice, and the historical data that he was able to provide reflected cases performed during his first 3-4 months in the Mt. Zion/Decatur area. As anticipated, his month-by-month surgical volume has and continues to grow since the filing.

As a result, enclosed please find a revised version of ATTACHMENT 15, documenting Dr. Sohail's cases during his initial eight months in the community. This revised information does not impact either the size of the ASTC or the project cost.

Please consider this revised ATTACHMENT during your review of the application, and don't hesitate to contact me, should any addition supporting information be needed.

Sincerely,



Jacob M. Axel
President

enclosure

cc M. Constantino

Name (print): Asad Sohail

Specialty (print): Foot & Ankle Surgery

TO: Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board
Springfield, Illinois

This letter is being provided in response to Review Criterion 1110(3)B) in support of the plans to develop an ambulatory surgical treatment center ("ASTC") in Decatur, Illinois.

During 8-month period ending May 31, 2025, I performed procedures on approximately the following numbers of outpatients in the IDPH-licensed facilities identified below.

(print site): Decatur Memorial Hospital 217

(print site): St. Mary's Hospital Decatur

 TOTAL 217

Please note that I moved to the greater Decatur area this past Autumn and began performing surgery in October, 2024. Since that time, the volume of surgery that I am performing has increased steadily on a monthly basis; and I anticipate continued and significant growth through, at minimum, the end of calendar 2025.

I estimate that I will refer approximately 440 patients to the proposed ASTC during its second year following the receipt of the requested Certificate of Need Permit.

Attached is a ZIP Code-specific patient origin analysis of my patients during the 12-month period ending November 30, 2024.

The information contained in this letter is true and correct, to the best of my information and belief, and has not been used in the support of another project for the development of an ASTC.

Sincerely,

Asad Sohail

Notarized:

Shelly Doyle 6/18/25

