



May 6, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Savage,

BEDS Plus, Inc. is pleased to express our strong support for South Suburban Hospital's Certificate of Need application to establish a dedicated observation unit. As an organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness and supporting individuals and families in crisis, BEDS Plus has partnered with South Suburban Hospital and Advocate Health to help ensure vulnerable populations have access to timely, appropriate, and coordinated healthcare services in the South Suburban and South Chicago region.

The proposed 30-bed observation unit, located in a contiguous first-floor space near the Emergency Department and key diagnostic and procedural services, will enhance the hospital's ability to provide short-term monitoring, evaluation, and clinical decision-making for patients who do not require full inpatient admission. This approach reduces emergency department overcrowding, decreases patient wait times, supports continuity of care, and helps prevent unnecessary hospital admissions — particularly important for individuals experiencing housing instability or complex social needs.

We view this dedicated observation unit, supported by a physician-lead and dedicated nursing staff, as a meaningful investment in improving access to care and system efficiency in a community with a continued and significant need for services. For these reasons, BEDS Plus strongly supports approval of this project and commends South Suburban Hospital for its ongoing commitment to community health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Tina Rounds
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BEDS Plus, Inc.

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