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Mr. Jeffrey S. Mark  
Executive Secretary  
Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Dear Mr. Mark:

I am a new member of the BroMenn Regional Medical Center Medical Staff and the first Maternal Fetal Health specialist to locate in Bloomington-Normal. I am writing to tell you of the need for a new Mother-Baby unit at BroMenn, which is coming to you for consideration in a Certificate of Need application

I was attracted to this community because of the progressive health care plans being developed. I have been involved, right from my arrival in the fall of 2007, in pursuing the possibility of having a special care nursery at BroMenn. The process is underway now to obtain the Level II Extended designation within the North Central Perinatal Network.

Based on my experience in other communities where I have practiced, I anticipate that service will permit over 200 women per year who are prone to difficult pregnancies to stay in this community and deliver at BroMenn. I am available to support the other obstetricians and work with the pediatricians to assure the patients get the best attention and care during their sometimes protracted inpatient stay.

The system of care will be greatly enhanced by having a new facility with larger rooms, better monitoring technology available, patient triage rooms, more family space, plus staff and family education areas. That is where we need your help.

The project before you is to permit the construction of a new addition on the BroMenn Regional Medical Center. That addition will include the replacement of the older Mother-Baby unit with a new state-of-the-art facility.

I ask that you see the value in this for all the families in our community and for generations to come. I can be reached at 309-42-5300 if you need more information.

Sincerely,



Michael Cardwell, MD  
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