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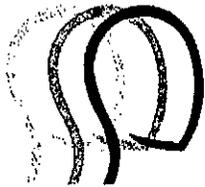
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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mr. Galassie,

The Brain Injury Association of Illinois enthusiastically supports Res-Care Premier, Inc.'s (ResCare) application for a certificate of need for a community-based residential rehabilitation center located at 1040 Robey Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516.

Res-Care is a leader in brain injury rehabilitation and has provided rehabilitation and support for individuals with severe brain injury since 1989. Res-Care is the only residential brain injury rehabilitation program in Northern Illinois. Res-Care is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in the following areas: Adult Multiple Service: Brain Injury Program; Adult Single Service: Brain Injury Program; and Adult Residential Brain Injury Program. CARF is the leading international accreditation organization for rehabilitation providers.

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is an important public health issue and is frequently referred to as the "silent epidemic" because the far-reaching consequences affecting cognitive ability, behavior or emotion may not be readily apparent. A few facts to consider:

- TBI is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts normal brain function. A TBI can range in severity from "mild" (a brief change in mental status or consciousness) to "severe" (an extended period of unconsciousness or amnesia after injury).
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at least 1.7 million Americans sustain a TBI annually. Of those individuals, approximately 52,000 die, 275,000 are hospitalized, and 1.365 million are treated and released from an emergency department.
- According to a 2010 CDC report, TBIs account for 4.8% of all injuries seen in emergency departments and 15.1% of all hospitalizations. TBIs are a contributing factor in 30.5% of injury-related deaths in the United States.
- Among those who survive, 80,000 people annually must learn to cope with lifelong losses of function.
- 3.17 million Americans (or 1% of the U.S. population) currently live with disabilities resulting from brain injury.
- Direct medical costs and indirect costs of traumatic brain injury, such as lost productivity, totaled an estimated \$60 billion in the United States in 2000.

Acute care rehabilitation facilities provide excellent restorative care but are only designed to treat individuals with traumatic brain injuries on a short-term basis. According to a recent study, approximately 40 percent of those hospitalized with a traumatic brain injury had at least one unmet care need for services one year after discharge. The most frequent unmet needs are memory issues and problem solving skills, stress management, anger management, and vocational skills.

ResCare works with key stakeholders in the brain injury industry, including the Brain Injury Association of Illinois, to meet service gaps in the continuum of care for adults with brain injuries. Their programs are designed to provide residents with a continuum of care as they transition from an acute care hospital setting to post-acute care rehabilitation. The ResCare staff uses the hospital's discharge care plan to develop the patient's individualized plan of care while receiving treatment at ResCare. This care plan is designed to assist the resident in achieving his or her maximum independence.

The residential neuro-rehabilitation program offers 24 hour post-acute care treatment to individuals with acquired brain injury, traumatic brain injury, and other neurologic impairments. Traditional therapies, including on-site licensed physical, occupational, and speech therapy, are incorporated into community-based skills training to provide residents with the intensive life skills training necessary to regaining independence and re-establishing quality, productive lifestyles.

The Brain Injury Association of Illinois refers hospital discharge planners and potential clients to ResCare for continued rehabilitation. However, due to limitations on licensure of community-based rehabilitation centers, many of these potential referrals will not be accepted for this important phase of recovery. This licensure will allow ResCare to offer its exemplary services to these individuals throughout Northern Illinois who have been referred, including those with Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance and active duty service members and veterans.

The Brain Injury Association of Illinois is pleased to support ResCare's application for a community-based residential rehabilitation center. If you have any further questions, please contact me at 708-369-8360 or by e-mail at pldeckard@biaill.org.

Best regards,



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Acute care rehabilitation facilities, like Rush University Medical Center, provide excellent restorative care but are only designed to provide the full continuum of care to individuals with traumatic brain injuries on a short-term basis. According to a recent study, approximately 40 percent of those hospitalized with a traumatic brain injury had a least one unmet care need for services one year after discharge.

The most frequent unmet needs are memory and problem solving, stress management, anger management, and vocational skills.

ResCare works with key stakeholders in the brain injury industry, including Rush University Medical Center, to meet service gaps in the continuum of care for adults with brain injuries.

Programs are designed to provide residents with seamless coordination of care as they transition from an acute care Rush University Medical Center setting to post-acute care rehabilitation

ResCare nurses work closely with our medical teams to develop individualized care plans designed to assist each resident achieve his or her maximum independence.

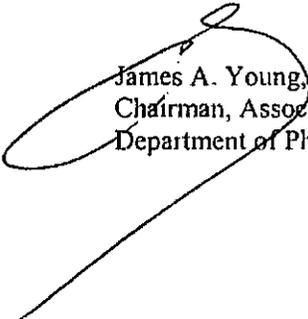
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Due limitations on licensure of community-based rehabilitation centers, we were unable to transfer certain patients to ResCare last year.

Licensure will allow ResCare to offer its exemplary services to more individuals throughout Northern Illinois. Upon licensure, ResCare can apply for Medicare and Medicaid certification. It can also expand services to active duty service members and veterans through the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Finally, insurers will increase approval of residential rehabilitation services. Accordingly, Rush University Medical Center will be able to refer more patients to ResCare for post-acute care rehabilitation.

Rush University Medical Center is pleased to support ResCare's application for a community-based residential rehabilitation center.

Sincerely,



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