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Subject: Apollo Health Center (Proj. No. 11-002)
Attachments: RACES Support Letter.pdf; Brad Torphy, M.D. Support Letter.pdf

Mike,

Attached please find two letters of support for Apollo Health Center (Proj. No. 11-002). Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks.

Anne



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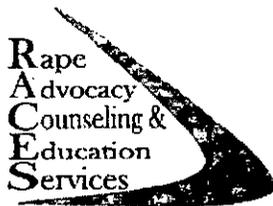
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April 14, 2011

Sent via First Class Mail

Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project Number: 11-002 Apollo Health Center, Ltd., Des Plaines

Dear Mr. Galassie,

I am sending you this letter in support of the above referenced project, Apollo Health Center. My agency would welcome the opportunity to be able to refer our clients in need of medical/surgical services to Apollo Health Center, Ltd. As a downstate Illinois agency, we currently have to refer clients to services in the City of Chicago. The proposed Des Plaines location would be a welcome alternative.

The Des Plaines area has high immigrant, low-income and medically underserved population. As an agency who has to make referrals to clients of underserved populations, this location is a natural fit for such clients. Many of our clients could benefit from a multilingual facility that offers discounted rates. Apollo Health Center, Ltd. is also proposing charity care which would be a great benefit to our clients that are truly in dire need. Many of the people we serve are unemployed and on the verge of becoming homeless.

We therefore support the opening of Apollo Health Center, Ltd. in Des Plaines, IL.

Sincerely,

Kerri Funk

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April 15, 2011

Facsimile
United States Mail

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Re: Letter of Support for Apollo Health Center – Proj. No. 11-002

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to express my support for proposed establishment of a multi-specialty ambulatory surgical treatment to be located at 2750 South River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois to be known as Apollo Health Center (Project. No. 11-002).

Ambulatory surgical treatment centers (“ASTCs”) provide a high quality, low cost alternative to hospital outpatient surgery departments. With payors moving towards more outcomes-based payment and health care reform aimed at reducing costs, health care delivery is moving away from traditional acute care hospitals to ambulatory care-based setting. In fact, with their lower charges, ASTCs can reduce aggregate health care spending for both payors and patients. Accordingly, increased utilization of ASTCs is a judicious use of scarce health care resources.

Apollo would be a preferable option for many of our clients, many of whom lack access to critical health care services. Importantly, Apollo plans to offer highly discounted rates to patients who meet its financial hardship criteria. Additionally, patients will be able to self-schedule certain elective procedures to minimize time off from work. Also, Apollo will operate on Saturdays, and if sufficient demand exists, one Sunday per month, to better accommodate patients’ schedules. Accordingly, Apollo will increase access to much needed health care services to many of our clients.



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I fully support Apollo Health Center's application for a certificate of need to establish a multi-specialty surgery center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B T Torphy'.

Brad Torphy, M.D.