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“ **Axel & Associates, Inc.**

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

by email

May 31, 2011

Mr. Michael Constantino
c/o Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 11-016
ARA McHenry Dialysis Center

Dear Mike,

Attached please find the narrative portion of the safety Net Impact Statement for the above-referenced project, which was omitted from the original filing.

Sincerely,


Jacob M. Axel

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SAFETY NET IMPACT STATEMENT

The required "Safety Net Information" identified on pages 53 and 54 of the *Application for Permit* form is provided on page 22 of the *Application for Permit*.

The proposed establishment of ARA McHenry Dialysis Center will not have an impact on safety net services that would result from the establishment of a health care facility designed to provide acute care services. The proposed project will, however, improve accessibility to ESRD services.

As is the case with most chronic dialysis facilities, the applicant, in its two existing Illinois facilities, assists its patients in the enrollment process for Medicare and Medicaid; and through the nephrologists' offices, this process is often completed prior to the initiation of ESRD services. It has been the applicant's experience that ESRD patients are often under the care of a nephrologist for a minimum of a year, prior to initiating chronic dialysis.

ARA currently provides dialysis services to Medicaid recipients in both of its existing Illinois facilities, and fully anticipates doing so at ARA McHenry Dialysis Center. Both of ARA's Illinois facilities operate with policies that provide for the provision of ESRD services for all patients referred to the facility, regardless of their

ability to pay or source of payment. ARA McHenry Dialysis Center will operate under the same policies that are in place at ARA's two existing facilities.

The proposed project will not result in the cross-subsidization of safety net services.