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Attached please find additional support letters for Crest Hill Dialysis.

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September 19, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie
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525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Letter of Support for Crest Hill Dialysis - Proj. No. 11-004

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing to express my support for DaVita's proposed establishment of a 12-station in-center hemodialysis facility to be located at 20660 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, Illinois to be known as Crest Hill Dialysis (Project. No. 11-004).

Crest Hill will provide increased access to dialysis treatment for patients in Joliet and the Crest Hill community. The patient base for the Crest Hill facility has a high concentration of African-Americans and Hispanics. Notably, the end stage renal disease (ESRD) incident rate for African Americans is 3.6 times greater than whites and the incident rate in the Hispanic population is 1.5 times greater than the non-Hispanic population.

Although there is an excess of 55 dialysis stations within HSA 9, this includes facilities which are not viable alternatives for patients residing in Crest Hill because they are more than 30 minutes away. Many ESRD patients are chronically ill, elderly, and rely on family, public transportation, or non-emergency transportation to bring them to and from dialysis appointments. Including transportation time, patients typically devote 15 to 20 hours for dialysis each week over three days. Requiring ESRD patients to dialyze at other facilities, many of which are an hour away, will exacerbate the hardship of dialysis treatment. By contrast, the establishment of Crest Hill Dialysis will add vital services that are convenient for local patients.

I believe that this project will help meet the high population growth in the community surrounding Crest Hill and the high incidence rate of ESRD. As such, I fully support DaVita's application for a certificate of need to establish a 12-station in-center hemodialysis facility.

Sincerely,

A.J. Wilhelmi
State Senator - 43rd District

August 24, 2011

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

RE: Letter of Support for Crest Hill Dialysis, Project #11-004

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing you to express my support of the proposed 12 station dialysis facility to be located at 20660 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 to be known as Crest Hill Dialysis. Given this high utilization of existing facilities, it is often difficult for patients to schedule dialysis close to home because either the facility is full or a viable shift is full. This project is needed to expand access to life sustaining dialysis serviced to the elderly population of Crest Hill area.

I have kidney failure and currently I'm receiving dialysis. I have my treatment scheduled 3 x week, an average of 4 hours for treatment. After the treatment, I feel at times fatigued, nauseated and it is difficult to drive home without discomfort. I walk with difficulty and it would be extremely difficult to drive to far off units such as Kankakee, Morris, etc. Ideally, I would minimize my transportation time as I am already spending too much time before, during and after dialysis away from home. Many of us are elderly and are not a transplant candidate.

Sincerely,

