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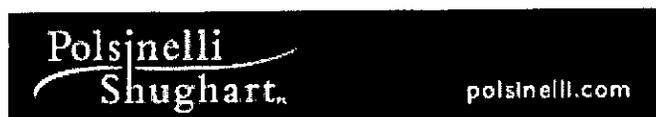
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George,

Please find the attached support letter submitted by Dr. Mary Hammes for Woodlawn Dialysis. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,

Joe



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October 26, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Galassie:

I am a nephrologist practicing at the University of Chicago Medical Center. I am pleased to support the relocation and expansion of Woodlawn Dialysis. I am the primary attending nephrologist rounding on the patients at the Woodlawn facility. The facility that is planned to replace the existing facility is a 32-station in-center hemodialysis facility, to be located at 5060 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60609 (the "Replacement Facility"). This new location will provide our patients with adequate space to continue to receive dialysis services which are essential to their survival.

The proposed addition of 12 stations will allow DaVita to eliminate the fourth shift that it currently operates as well as accommodate some of my chronic kidney disease patients who will initiate dialysis in the next twelve months.

Because of the high patient volumes the Woodlawn facility operates four patient shifts, which is rare. At times, a fourth shift creates hardships for patients, families and staff. Operating a fourth shift imposes a number of problems for the patients, their families, and staff, as the last patient leaves the facility past 10 p.m. Over three quarters of the patients rely on public or government subsidized transportation to get back and forth to treatments. For those patients that rely on friends and family members for transportation, this is a burden on the whole family system, especially for people who don't have cars. As expanded, Woodlawn Dialysis will return to three shifts for so long as demand is manageable at that capacity.

Woodlawn Dialysis provides care to a primarily African-American, low-income, disabled, elderly, and vulnerable population. The facility does not currently serve a single non-minority patient. As of September 9, 2011, the Woodlawn patient population was 98% African American and 2% Hispanic. About half the patients are over 60 years old. Additionally, Medicare is the primary payor for 75% of the patients and Medicaid is the primary payor for 20% and the

secondary payor for 52% of the patients. This further demonstrates the economic status of the patient population.

I submitted patient referral data for my group on December 13, 2010 for the Woodlawn Dialysis' Certificate of Need Permit Application. As noted in my previous letter, between 2007 and 2010, Woodlawn Dialysis has served between 138 and 152 patients with utilization of the facility consistently over 100%. Current utilization coupled with projected referrals from our practice indicates that this trend will continue in 2011.

In fact, we now anticipate that when the facility opens at the end of next year that we would refer a total of 153 patients. Our patient referrals include 130 current Woodlawn Dialysis patients who wish to transfer to the new facility and 23 patients with renal insufficiency. For greater detail, please see the lists at Attachment - 1 for patient referrals by zip code. Additionally, please see Attachment - 2 for historical referrals from my group.

It is essential the Board approves this project. Requiring patients to travel further for treatment, which they would have to do if the Board does not approve this relocation, will impose a significant burden on their friends and families. Additionally, most of the local facilities do not have excess capacity to treat Woodlawn patients and other nephrologists in our practice are not on staff at these facilities. It would also require me to round at numerous facilities in order to continue treating my current patients. Thus, treatment at facilities other than Woodlawn simply is not a viable option for our patients.

For these reasons, I offer my support for the relocation and expansion of Woodlawn Dialysis. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

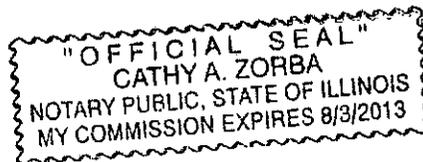
Mary Hammes D.O.

Mary Hammes, D.O.
Nephrologist

Subscribed and sworn to me
This 27 day of October, 2011

Cathy A. Zorba

Notary Public



ATTACHMENT 1

Pre-ESRD Patients by Physician and Zip Code	
Zip Code	Referrals
46373	1
60008	1
60411	1
60461	1
60478	1
60605	1
60609	1
60615	1
60617	1
60619	4
60620	2
60621	2
60629	1
60636	1
60637	2
60643	1
60649	1
TOTAL	23

Current Patients by Zip Code	
Initials	Zip Code
LA	60637
EA	60649
ZA	60656
DA	60636
EA	60653
KA	60619
LA	60637
DA	60636
MB	60649
LB	60624
SB	60649
LB	60649
HB	60621
BB	60617
RB	60637
EB	60615
BB	60628
TB	60615

TB	60629
TB	60621
RC	60621
AC	60637
RC	60620
CC	60620
DC	60619
OC	60653
JD	60636
TD	60619
LD	60649
HD	60643
AD	60637
ED	60637
HD	60609
JE	60637
JF	60621
DG	60653
AG	60609
BG	60615
TH	60649
EH	60628
MH	60649
MH	60637
DH	60637
AH	60609
LH	60621
MH	60649
CH	60617
YH	60620
JJ	60636
TJ	60615
EJ	60619
BJ	60620
KJ	60637
LJ	60621
RJ	60617
SJ	60617
SJ	60636
CJ	60619
DJ	60637
JJ	60827
MJ	60615
BJ	60636
JL	60619
SL	60621
EL	60632
AL	60636

LL	60649
HL	60637
AL	60617
AM	60619
CM	60621
AM	60653
LM	60649
MM	60619
CM	60653
VM	60615
TM	60649
DN	60619
CN	60615
YN	60653
SN	60615
SN	60637
FO	60619
TP	60628
TP	60636
FP	60620
MP	60619
DP	60647
MP	60644
CP	60649
FP	60620
IP	60636
JQ	60636
LR	60619
TR	60616
MR	60619
QS	60620
LS	60637
BS	60621
WS	60637
MS	60647
FS	60636
MS	60619
TS	60636
CS	60615
PS	60615
CS	60615
DS	60615
MS	60637
LS	60617
OS	60619
LT	60619
TT	60637
ET	60653

MT	60619
QT	60653
JT	60636
MT	60621
KT	60619
WW	60620
DW	60637
JW	60620
CW	60615
AW	60637
BW	60617
JW	60609
JW	60637
RW	60616
CW	60643
NW	60637

ATTACHMENT 2

HISTORICAL REFERRALS

2008	
Zip Code	Patients
60409	1
60419	1
60430	1
60435	1
60438	2
60445	1
60466	1
60478	1
60605	1
60607	1
60609	5
60615	13
60616	1
60617	7
60618	1
60619	16
60620	7
60621	10
60622	1
60625	2
60628	6
60629	3
60636	6
60637	33
60643	2
60644	1
60649	14
60652	1
60653	8
60656	1
60690	1
60803	1
60827	1
Total	152

2009	
Zip Code	Patients
60430	1
60435	1
60438	1

60445	1
60466	1
60478	1
60605	1
60607	1
60609	5
60615	15
60616	2
60617	9
60619	16
60620	7
60621	11
60622	1
60625	1
60628	8
60629	1
60636	6
60637	23
60643	3
60649	12
60652	1
60653	9
60656	1
60690	1
60803	1
60805	1
60827	2
Total	144

2010	
Zip Code	Patients
55347	1
60438	1
60472	1
60478	1
60556	1
60607	1
60609	4
60615	14
60616	2
60617	7
60619	20
60620	10
60621	12
60624	1
60628	6
60629	1

60632	1
60636	12
60637	25
60643	1
60644	1
60647	1
60649	13
60652	1
60653	10
60803	1
60827	1
61832	1
66106	1
Total	152