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RE: Certificate of Need for the IVF Surgery Center at RMI
2425 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Dear IDHFSRB Administrator:

I am writing to give my full SUPPORT to the Certificate of Need for the IVF Surgery Center at RMI as a limited specialty ambulatory surgical center.

As the medical subspecialty of reproductive endocrinology and infertility (REI) has evolved and been perfected over the last three decades, it has become increasingly apparent that these procedures require highly specialized, state of the art facilities in order to achieve the success that the public and the medical community expect. Infertility-to-parenthood is a very personal and technical journey with very specific medical needs that cannot be met in standard operating suites or outpatient surgical centers.

The six physicians at the IVF Surgery Center at RMI are acutely aware of the special needs of fertility patients. They are board-certified in REI and have combined experience in this specialty of over 150 years. Recently, they completed the renovation of their new state of the art IVF surgery center and embryology laboratory at the Oak Brook location. This JCAHO accredited facility solely provides necessary fertility services to patients in the Chicago area, as it has at this location for the last 20 years.

Granting this completed project a Certificate of Need will provide for the specialty care of a greater number of fertility patients. As a limited specialty surgical center, negative impacts on other area providers are not projected. In fact, this project may also increase the utilization of other nearby medical and surgical centers that provide ancillary services to fertility patients such as complex radiologic and surgical procedures.

I fully SUPPORT the IVF Surgery Center at RMI and urge you to issue a Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,



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