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

Re: Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Mr. Galassie:

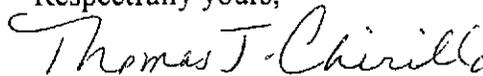
On behalf of NovaMed Surgery Center of River Forest, LLC ("River Forest ASC"), this letter serves to formally oppose the Certificate of Need application submitted by Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC for a proposed facility to be located at 10330 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois 60457 ("Palos Hills ASC").

The proposed Palos Hills ASC is located approximately thirteen miles from the River Forest ASC. Given this close proximity, the proposed Palos Hills ASC would be serving the same patient base as the existing River Forest ASC. The River Forest ASC provides ophthalmic, and ocular plastic services to the surrounding community. For the eleven months ended November 30, 2011, there have been 1,389 cases performed at the River Forest ASC. This is well below its capacity and well below its historic performance. Therefore, we believe there is already excess capacity in the area and the approval of the Palos Hills ASC application will result in an unnecessary duplication of services and facilities.

For these reasons, we oppose the CON application submitted by the Palos Hills ASC and respectfully request that you consider the negative impact of this proposed project on the River Forest ASC.

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 250-6313 if you should have any questions or need any further information.

Respectfully yours,



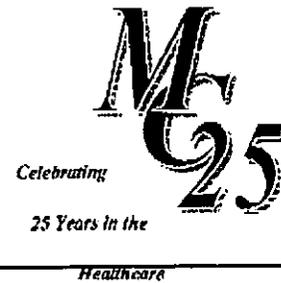
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Ms. Spillane

I am writing on behalf of our client Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC to inform you of its intent to file a certificate of need application with the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHSRB) for the proposed establishment of a limited specialty ambulatory surgical treatment center. The proposed project will be located at 10330 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60457.

Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC will provide orthopaedic and plastic surgery. It will consist of two procedure rooms, 4,208 gross square feet of clinical space, and 1,257 gross square feet of non-clinical space for a total of 5,465 in total gross square feet.

The establishment of the proposed project will result in a modernization of the existing site. The cost will be approximately \$2,421,158.40. Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC projects that the case load for the first year after project completion will be approximately 1,810 procedures.

Pursuant to Section 1110.1540(e) of the IHSRB Rules, we request that you advise us of any impact that this facility will have on Novamed Surgery Center of River Forest. If you elect to respond, please identify the impact in patient loss that the proposed project will have to utilization at your facility.

Please send your response to Dale Galassie, Chairman, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Fl., Springfield, IL 62761.

Sincerely,


 Drake Shunnerson, JD, LLM
 On Behalf Of
 Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC