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Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 7:56 AM
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Subject: SAR dated January 22, 2013 - Fresenius Plainfield North (#12-047) post Intent to Deny
Attachments: Fresenius Plainfield North after SAR2.doc

Mr Constantino / Ms. Hills,

Please find attached my comments on the SAR for Fresenius Plainfield North #12-047, due to be re-heard next month. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

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January 27, 2012

**Re: Project No. 12-047: Fresenius Plainfield North
After Issuance of Intent to Deny on September 12, 2012
State Agency Report posted January 22, 2013**

Dear Chairman Galassie:

The SAR notes that the Applicant submitted additional information on October 10, 2012, but does not state that Sun Health also submitted additional comments in response. Sun Health's letter shows a date of October 21, 2012 due to a typo, but was actually submitted on January 16.

The SAR confirms that this project will not improve access and may cause duplication of service, as there are underutilized facilities within 30 minutes.

The SAR is somewhat confusing when it states that referrals listed in the Application have not been used to justify other facilities in the planning area, suggesting potential demand. However, existing underutilized facilities are already available to treat these patients, and are actually counting on these new patients to replace the 15-20% of preexisting patients lost to transplant, recovery, relocation or death. Otherwise, underutilization at existing facilities may well be exacerbated, as experienced by Sun Health after the opening of Fresenius Plainfield.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the SAR. I hope these comments will be helpful to the Board in making its decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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