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Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
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525 West Jefferson Street  
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**Re: DuPage Medical Group-Lisle Medical Office Building CON Application**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to provide additional information regarding CON application for the DuPage Medical Group, Medical Office Building, which was submitted by Murer Consultants, on behalf of DuPage Medical Group, Ltd. and Rush University Medical Center, on May 30, 2012. This additional information was deemed necessary to prevent any misconceptions about the nature and character of this project.

On May 31, 2012, an article appeared in Crain's Chicago Business on-line edition discussing the Medical Office Building under construction in Lisle, which is owned, operated, and financed by DMG. This article contains passages that, without proper context, could potentially be misleading. For example, it says the "facility" will feature a cancer care center operated by Rush System for Health and that it is separately investing \$5 million in the project. The article also says that plastic surgery will be available. We do not believe these passages accurately reflect the organizational structure of the MOB or the scope of services to be provided.

First, the MOB is not a true "facility" in the sense of a separately licensed location for the provision of health care services, i.e. a hospital or an ambulatory surgical treatment center. It is merely a building that houses a large number of physician offices.

Second, although there will be various services, located in different parts of the building, to treat cancer patients, the primary focus shall be on the delivery of treatment to patients with complex medical conditions. However, as the CON application indicates, these services will be provided

primarily by DMG physicians. The exception is chemotherapy and infusion services, which will be provided by Rush University Medical Center (RUMC) not Rush System for Health. Indeed, RUMC is the entity that is signatory to the lease for the space in which these services will be provided.

Third, neither RUMC nor Rush System for Health is "investing" \$5 million in the project. As the article subsequently clarifies, RUMC is spending roughly that amount to build out the space it is leasing, as tenant improvements.

Fourth, there will be no surgery of any kind on the premises. Plastic surgeons will be on the premises, perhaps once a week, to provide *consultations*. This would include, for example, consults for reconstructive breast surgery in the case of patients who have had a mastectomy. However, the surgeries themselves will not be performed at the MOB.

From time to time, the business press does not describe CON projects as accurately as one might hope. A further example of this is a subsequent article, appearing on June 1, 2012 in the Daily Herald, which incorrectly describes the space leased by RUMC as comprising half of the building. As explained in the CON application, RUMC will lease only 15% of the space in the building.

We therefore believed further clarification and explanation was necessary. This letter seeks to provide such clarification and assure the Board that the information contained in the CON application is accurate and a fair description of the DuPage Medical Group, Medical Office Building project.

Sincerely,



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