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From the Office of Beth Hughes, President/CEO

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August 31, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Avery  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Projects 12-058 and 12-059  
Letter of Support for US Renal Care Lemont and Plainfield Dialysis Projects

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am submitting this letter in support of U.S. Renal Care's certificate of need applications to establish two new 13-station ESRD dialysis facilities in Lemont and Plainfield. These new centers will give area patients a choice in and greater access to local dialysis care.

For the past 129 years it has been the mission of Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center to set the highest standards of medical care for the local community. As the CEO of Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, I know how vital top physicians are to delivering that care. Because the doctors who will be serving as the medical directors for the U.S. Renal Care Lemont and Plainfield facilities are affiliated with our hospital (Northeast Nephrology), I have full confidence that they will ensure the highest level of care for dialysis in Lemont and Plainfield.

For those reasons listed, I ask that the Board please approve two new dialysis facilities in Lemont and Plainfield. Thank you for taking the time to consider my support of these projects.

Sincerely,



Beth Hughes  
President & CEO