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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2012 4:09 PM  
**To:** Constantino, Mike  
**Subject:** US Renal Care Western Suburbs Letter  
**Attachments:** DOC002.pdf

Mr. Crane asked me to send the attached letter to you, a hard copy will be sent to Mr. Galassie. Thank you!

**Mary L. Pirc**

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*But let patience have her perfect work, that ye  
may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James 1:4)*



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October 4, 2012

Mr. Dale Galassie  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: U.S. Renal Care Western Suburbs

Dear Mr. Galassie:

It is my understanding that U.S. Renal is applying for a Certificate of Need to establish additional dialysis facilities in Will and Southern Cook County. U.S. Renal Care is known for providing high quality of care for patients with chronic and acute renal disease. U.S. Renal Care also provides patients with a choice of a full range of quality care, including in-center or at-home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services.

Adventist Midwest Health continues to see an increase in patients requiring dialysis services. We provide in-patient dialysis services only. The challenge for a hospital to maintain the continuity of care is the availability of out-patient dialysis facilities whereby our hospital patients can be referred under the care of the appropriate physician.

It appears that the availability of such services in existing facilities has become limited. As a result, our patients often experience delayed discharge and thus unnecessary increase in length of stay. This volume of unnecessary patient days results in significant cost to our Hospital and to our patients individually.

We anticipate that the volume of patients requiring dialysis services will continue to increase and wish to ensure that there are adequate resources to meet the need of our patients. This will prevent unnecessary and costly hospital stays reducing overall health care costs.

Our goal is to continue to maintain the quality of life for the people that we serve. As such, we support this inclusion of alternative providers and additional facilities as an enhanced way to serve our patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Crane".

David L. Crane  
President/Chief Executive Officer