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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Re: Project 12-058,
Project 12-059,
U.S. Renal Care Lemont and Plainfield Dialysis Projects

Dear Ms. Avery:


I am writing to express my support for the U.S. Renal Care's proposed 13-station ESRD dialysis centers in Lemont and Plainfield. I am a general surgeon and have been practicing medicine in the area alongside Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Nagarkatte at Provena Saint Joseph's Medical Center for nearly twenty years.

In that time I have gotten to know their character both professionally and personally. In addition to being skilled nephrologists, Drs. Ahmed and Nagarkatte always put their patients' best interests first. They take the time to listen to the needs of their patients and explain the details of their diagnosis and treatment options until their patients feel comfortable and informed.

At present, there are not enough options for local dialysis patients in Will and southern Cook Counties. As a result, Drs. Ahmed and Nagarkatte have responded by partnering with U.S. Renal Care to meet that need. These new facilities will not only give local patients better access; it will give them choice. Dialysis patients spend countless hours at these facilities and deserve the right to choose where they go to get the lifesaving care they need.

In closing, as you review these applications for the Lemont and Plainfield U.S. Renal Care dialysis centers, please know that the medical directors of these facilities will bring an unparalleled standard of care and commitment to patients in addition to affording them improved access and choice.

Sincerely,


Dr. Clyde Dawson