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May 14, 2013

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

As the medical leadership of the EMS System in the City of Chicago (Region XI), our joint mission is to assure that every citizen and visitor of Chicago receives prompt emergency care in an effective, efficient and timely manner from the most competent and knowledgeable EMS personnel.

We support the University of Chicago Medical Center's Certificate of Need application to add 38 inpatient medical/surgical beds, which will allow the UCMC Emergency Room to see more patients and avoid the kind of crowding that leads to the diversion of ambulances to other hospitals.

When hospital emergency rooms are too crowded to accept more patients, ambulances are required to take patients to the next nearest hospital. The University of Chicago Medical Center's proposal would be a positive step for the city's EMS System.

Sincerely,

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