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Dear Ms. Olson,

I would like to offer this letter of support for the surgery center expansion of the Barrington Pain and Spine Institute (BPSI).

I have been a longstanding practicing physician in the region and I am currently the director of a pathology lab in the region.

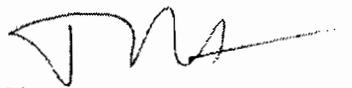
Currently, there is no surgery center in that area offering the full continuum of outpatient spine care proposed by BPSI.

In order to improve the rate of success of a patient's pain management, coordination of treatment in such a center as BPSI is vital.

The addition of spinal surgery will allow BPSI to provide a minimally invasive surgical option to patients for whom other treatments have failed.

Performing minimally invasive spinal procedures in a surgery center setting is less costly than a hospital outpatient setting.

Sincerely,



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Dear Kathryn Olson,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and the Barrington Pain and Spine Institute. I have recently accepted a position as the Director of Nursing and my first day will be March 31, 2014. I am very excited to come to work for this ASC as I believe this facility and their employees are taking patient care for pain and possibly spine procedures to a new level. I have worked in an Operating Room setting now for over twenty seven years. During this time I have seen many changes in the way surgical procedures are performed as well as where they are performed. During my years of working in the operating room setting I have been the team lead nurse for spine at UW Madison Hospital, Madison WI and OSF Saint Anthony Hospital, Rockford IL. I have been part of many changes and new implementations to the spine surgery service at both facilities. With the brand new surgical suites at Barrington Pain and Spine Institute they have a perfect facility to implement spine surgery and take caring for their patients to the next level.

There are many reasons why approving a Certificate of Need for the addition of spine procedures for Barrington Pain and Spine Institute would be a great thing for our patients and the community we serve:

- The costs are much less for many spine procedures performed in the outpatient setting as compared to an inpatient overnight stay of up to three days.
- With access to the internet, patients are searching out their providers taking into consideration their out of pockets costs.
- In addition, there is significantly less blood loss, less risk of infection, less disruption of surrounding musculature and quicker healing time.
- There are multiple reasons why the movement to minimally invasive spine procedures in an outpatient surgery centre will continue, including a more cost-conscious society who are incurring much higher co-pays for elective procedures along with arguably better results in more comfortable surroundings.

As written in a publication by the Joint Commission "Hot Topics In Healthcare Issue #2", It stated that the Joint Commission has begun an initiative to improve effectiveness of the transition of a patient between all patient care settings and healthcare organizations, and ensure safe quality of care in all settings. Allowing Barrington Pain and Spine Institute to establish and start performing spine procedures in one location will benefit the patients care and afford better patient satisfaction. This would create great continuity of care of the spine pain patients who would have a need to proceed to a spine surgery. Continuity of care has been done in other ASC's across the United States for pain and spine and has been largely successful.

In closing, I am looking forward to working at Barrington and Spine where I hope in the very near future we can start providing our patients with the only interventional pain and spine surgery ASC in the area.

Thank you for your consideration,



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