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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support the proposed Certificate of Need for DaVita Health Care Partners for Danville, IL.

I have been a Registered Nurse in the Danville area for the past 17 years. Currently, I am the Home Hemodialysis Nurse for DaVita, Inc. for Danville and Champaign. Prior to this, I worked at Danville Dialysis center for 6 years where I began my dialysis career. The DaVita Danville center has a Home Hemodialysis census of 7. Of those 7 patients, 5 started their dialysis treatments at either the DaVita incenter clinic located in Champaign or the Fresenius clinic also located in Champaign. These patients were not accepted at Danville Dialysis Services due to insurance coverage and forced to travel to Champaign until they started the Home Hemodialysis training. They were accepted by Davita with the insurance they already had and those that required insurance coverage were assisted by Davita with choosing insurance and also applying for financial assistance thru AKF for the insurance premiums. These patients are fortunate enough to be able to perform their treatments at home and not have the burden of traveling at least 45 miles to and from a center for treatment.

There are times that dialysis patients need to have IV antibiotics for a dialysis related infection. Antibiotics need to be ran at the end of a hemodialysis treatment. During my experience at Danville Dialysis this is a service that is not provided by Danville Dialysis Services. Patients must go to the center, spend approximately 3-5 hours for their treatment and then they must go to Ambulatory care for an additional 2-4 hours to have the antibiotic ran which makes for a very long day. Davita provides this service to patients. Patient are able to get their treatment and have the antibiotic ran at the last hour of treatment. At present, for our Home PD patients, they would still have to travel to Champaign for back up incenter and IV antibiotic therapy. Granting the certificate of need to Davita would allow are patients to stay in Danville for their treatments and IV therapy and also provide another service for all dialysis patients in the community.

Providing a certificate of need to DaVita, Inc. would also allow the residents of Vermilion county another choice for treatment options. Many dialysis patients have been with their Nephrologist for a few years prior to needing to start Dialysis. Those patients may not want to change Nephrologist. If the only option for Dialysis in Danville remained Danville Dialysis Services, those patients would be forced to change doctors or drive to Champaign for their treatments. If granted the certificate of need these patients could keep the doctor they already have and again, avoid the burden of traveling to Champaign 3 times a week for treatments.

I believe by granting the Certificate of Need to Davita Health Care Partners for Danville Illinois will only benefit the community by providing these residents with another option for treatment and additional services.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K. Auter HHD RN BSN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sandra K. Auter HHD RN, BSN

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AFFIDAVIT OF DONALD BOYD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF VERMILION)

VILLAGE OF WESTVILLE May 7, 2015

I, Donald Boyd, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and understand the obligations of an oath. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.

2. In May 2013, I was admitted to the Veterans hospital in Indianapolis and was put on dialysis. When I was discharged, the social workers and discharge planners at the hospital contacted Danville Dialysis Services (DDS), so I could dialyze at a facility close to home. DDS refused to admit me because they would not accept my veterans' benefits.

3. I have complete veteran's coverage, which includes coverage for dialysis.

4. I have contacted DDS multiple times in an attempt to get admitted to DDS. DDS continually refuses to admit me because it does not accept patients with veteran's benefits.

5. DDS does not accept all forms of insurance, and therefore, it is not an option for all dialysis patients who live in and around Danville.

6. In May 2013, I initiated in-center hemodialysis at the DaVita clinic in Champaign, which accepted my veterans' coverage without any issues. Champaign is approximately 45 minutes from my home. At that time, I was still able to drive myself to and from treatments, but often felt very tired and washed out after treatment. My wife often worried if I would make it home safely causing added worry and stress to our family.

7. In an attempt to minimize the stress dialysis placed on both my wife and myself, I transitioned from in-center hemodialysis to home hemodialysis. My daughter and I were trained

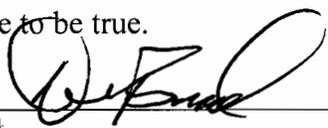
by the dialysis nurses at DaVita Danville at Home (DDH) on how to use the hemodialysis machines, store dialysis supplies, and keep my access site clean and sterile.

8. I have been on home hemodialysis for a little over a year. I dialyze 3 hours per day, 5 days per week and have monthly follow up visits at DDH for lab tests and to review my nutrition results.

9. My daughter is expecting a baby very soon and may no longer be able to assist me with my home hemodialysis. If Vermilion County Dialysis is not approved, we may once again need to travel approximately 45 minutes 3 times a week to a dialysis center in Champaign. This would place an undue burden on both my wife and me and create unwarranted stress in our lives. I am unable to see well enough to drive, therefore I would now have to rely on my wife or someone else for transportation to and from treatments.

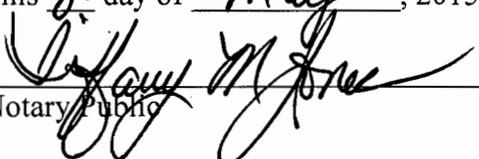
10. I support the establishment of Vermilion County Dialysis. It is important that I and other veterans have access to in-center hemodialysis close to home

The undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

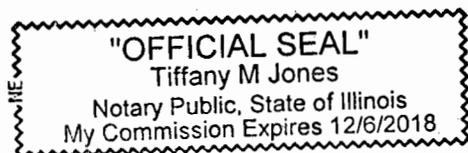


Donald Boyd

Subscribed and sworn to me
This 8th day of May, 2015



Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT OF MARY BOYD

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF VERMILION)

VILLAGE OF WESTVILLE May 7, 2015

I, Mary Boyd, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and understand the obligations of an oath. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.

2. In May 2013, my husband was admitted to the Veteran's hospital in Indianapolis and was put on dialysis. When he was discharged, the social workers and discharge planners contacted Danville Dialysis Services (DDS), so he could dialyze at a facility close to home. DDS refused to admit my husband because they would not accept his veterans' benefits.

3. My husband has complete veteran's coverage, which includes coverage for dialysis.

4. We contacted DDS multiple times in an attempt to get my husband admitted to DDS. DDS continually refuses to admit my husband because it does not accept patients with veteran's benefits.

5. DDS does not accept all forms of insurance, and therefore, it is not an option for all dialysis patients who live in and around Danville.

6. In May 2013, my husband initiated in-center hemodialysis at the DaVita clinic in Champaign, which accepted my husband's veterans coverage without any issue. Champaign is approximately 45 minutes from our home. At that time, my husband was still able to drive himself to and from treatments still creating the burden of commute as well as the cost of gasoline 3 days a week. It was disruptive and created turmoil in our lives as I often worried if he

would be able to drive himself home after treatment as hemodialysis treatments were very taxing on him.

7. In an attempt to minimize the stress dialysis placed on both my husband and myself, he transitioned from in-center hemodialysis to home hemodialysis. My husband and daughter were trained by the dialysis nurses at DaVita Danville at Home (DDH) on how to use the hemodialysis machines, store dialysis supplies, and keep his access site clean and sterile.

8. My husband has been on home hemodialysis for a little over a year. He dialyzes 3 hours per day, 5 days per week and has monthly follow up visits at DDH for lab tests and to review his nutrition results.

9. My daughter is expecting a baby very soon and may no longer be able to assist my husband with his home hemodialysis. If Vermilion County Dialysis is not approved, we may once again need to travel approximately 45 minutes three times a week to a dialysis center in Champaign. This would place an undue burden on both my husband and me and create unwarranted stress in our lives. My husband no longer drives so he would have to rely on me or someone else to drive him to and from Champaign for treatments.

10. I support the establishment of Vermilion County Dialysis. It is important my husband has access to in-center hemodialysis close to home

The undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.


Mary Boyd

Subscribed and sworn to me
This 8 day of May, 2015

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Tiffany M. Jones
Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL MURDOCK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF VERMILION)

CITY OF GEORGETOWN, May 8, 2015

I, MICHAEL MURDOCK, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and understand the obligations of an oath. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.

2. In 2009, I was diagnosed with end-stage renal disease.

3. I initiated dialysis in 2012.

4. I initially contacted Danville Dialysis Services (DDS) about being admitted to their in-center hemodialysis program, but I was informed by DDS staff that they could not admit me because I had no insurance coverage. I was told I would not be admitted until my Medicare coordination of benefits period ended and I was approved for Medicare.

5. As a result, I began dialyzing at DaVita Illini Renal Center in Champaign, which is 44 miles from my home. Despite having no insurance coverage, I was able to immediately begin dialyzing at Illini Renal Center. DaVita also assisted me with obtaining insurance coverage.

6. I continue to dialyze at Illini Renal Center three days per week even though I must travel 44 miles each way because of the excellent care I receive from the DaVita nursing staff.

7. I rely on Danville Mass Transit to transport me to and from my dialysis appointments. Service from Danville to Champaign operates every two hours. The bus operates on a tight schedule and will not wait for me. If I miss the bus to my appointment, I have to look to family members to transport me to or from my dialysis appointment. If I cannot be discharged

on time due to one of the many side effects of dialysis and miss the bus home, I must wait for two hours at the facility until the next bus arrives. This makes for a very long day.

8. I support the establishment of Vermilion County Dialysis. I and other patients in Danville and the surrounding communities would benefit greatly if the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approved DaVita's application to establish a dialysis facility in Danville.

The undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.



Michael Murdock
2012 Stone Street
Georgetown, Illinois 61846

Subscribed and sworn to me
This 11 day of May, 2015

Cathy A. Pavolko
Notary Public

