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Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support the University of Chicago Medicine's plan to increase access to care for patients on Chicago's South Side.

As the CEO of Roseland Community Hospital, I know our community has unique health care needs yet fewer resources to meet those needs. African Americans have a higher incidence of certain types of cancer, and higher mortality rates when cancer strikes, often because of a lack of access to quality care.

Additionally, our patients live in an area where there is limited access to Level 1 adult trauma care, yet approximately one-half of trauma cases originate in this area.

UChicago Medicine's plan would strengthen community hospitals by strengthening our entire network of care. The plan would increase access to the very care patients most need with a state of the art emergency room that will improve patient safety; a dedicated and expanded cancer hospital to give our community a world-class patient experience; and a Level 1 adult trauma center to care for trauma victims.

I strongly encourage you to approve UChicago Medicine's plan, and improve health care for all on Chicago's South Side.

Sincerely,

Tim Egan  
President & CEO



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February 18, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery  
Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support for the University of Chicago Medical Center

Dear Ms. Avery:

The Healthcare Consortium of Illinois is proud to support the University of Chicago Medical Center's ambitious Get CARE plan, which strikes at the core of our mission as an organization. We believe that targeted, integrated health and human service delivery system is the best way to provide healthcare for our communities and that is exactly what Get CARE will do for the South Side of Chicago.

In part because of hospital closings and reductions in the area over many years, U of C Medicine has seen a surge in demand for its services that is limiting patients' ability to access care. Get CARE will meet all of the community's needs, providing a new state-of-the-art adult emergency department, a dedicated cancer hospital, expanded specialty care, and a Level 1 adult trauma center.

No piece of this plan can stand alone. The healthcare community is strongest when we work together and that value is reflected in this fully integrated plan.

We are calling on the Illinois Health Facilities Services and Review Board to approve this bold plan to serve Chicago's South Side residents with the quality care they deserve.

Sincerely,

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