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Re: US Health Vest's CON Application for a Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Ms. Avery:

This letter is in support of US HealthVest's application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

The Deerfield community would benefit from another option in psychiatric services. Many of our domestic violence cases have a mental health component. In addition, we have an increasing number of senior citizens requiring mental health treatment. Knowing that a new behavioral hospital can respond to a broad range of ages would greatly assist the Deerfield Police Department's response to our citizens.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Sliozis".

John J. Sliozis  
Chief of Police  
Deerfield Police Department

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January 5, 2016

Mr. David Schoon  
Assistant Director/Economic Development Coordinator  
Village of Northbrook Development & Planning Services  
1225 Cedar Lane  
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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon,

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My personal dealings with Dr. DeJoseph of US HealthVest at Chicago Behavioral Hospital have been consistently professional with a focus on making sure that mentally ill patients are taken care of in the most effective and least restrictive ways possible. He has demonstrated a personal passion for the well-being of the psychiatric population. I support the mission of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital in Northbrook, with Dr. DeJoseph at the helm. The community will be better served with the behavioral hospital in its vicinity. I had previously worked for many years as the director of social work in a Northbrook nursing home, and clearly know that there is an unmet need for such services on the north shore, northern and northwest suburbs.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

  
John B. Corso, LCSW  
President  
Oak Roots Dynamic

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

**Edgar Ramos, Psy.D.  
Merriville Academy  
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I practice in the northern suburbs with troubled adolescents, and patients with severe mental disorders; having a hospital nearby that would accommodate their need would alleviate many of the problems we face these days with availability for hospitalization, intensive programming and a number of services US HealthVest would be able to provide the community with.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's Behavioral Hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,



Edgar Ramos, Psy.D.

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President



**Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago**

January 28, 2016

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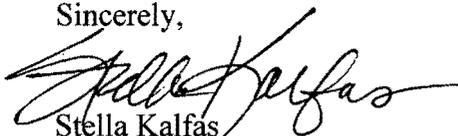
The Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago provides referrals to individuals who need mental health support. We have found that there is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

We have consistently run into challenges with finding resources to refer to individuals in the northern suburbs of Chicago. This means that we have to provide information of resources that are often a great distance from their home. As individuals are wary about getting the support they need to begin with due to dealing with mental health issues and their concerns about stigma, this creates an additional hurdle that would be alleviated if we had additional services. We find that many times we have to provide resources that are more than 15 miles away from their home. This may also now become a bigger issue as many insurance carrier acceptances are now segmented geographically.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services and ensure that individuals who need help may find it within a reasonable distance from their homes.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

  
Stella Kalfas  
President and CEO



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January 7, 2016

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Working for the largest residential mental health network in Illinois, soon to be certified as Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers, we receive referrals from every hospital inpatient psychiatric unit in Illinois and fully support the need for additional acute psychiatric services in the Northshore area.

The behavioral health and psychiatric needs of the mentally ill consumer in Illinois is alarmingly under-served with state budgetary cuts adversely affecting this already vulnerable population.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Frank Buccitelli  
Senior Director of Marketing  
SIR Management, Inc.

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

**KGH Consultation & Treatment, Inc.**

January 20, 2016

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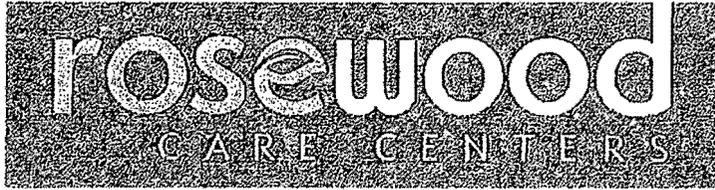
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Sincerely,

**Kim Hoehne**

Kimberly Garvey Hoehne, M.A., BCBA  
Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
Developmental Specialist  
CEO & Clinical Director

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President



January 14, 2016

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Saltzman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Amy Saltzman  
Administrator  
ROSEWOOD CARE CENTER OF NORTHBROOK

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

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RE: Proposed US HealthVest Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Date: January 6, 2016

Dear David Schoon,

I am writing you to day in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook, IL.

As the Director of a multidisciplinary private, group, behavioral healthcare practice with offices throughout the northern suburbs of Chicago, I can attest to the shortage of nearby facilities offering immediate inpatient care to area residents. We find that many current and potential clients are unable to find open beds at nearby inpatient psychiatric and behavioral health facilities and are forced to wait on prohibitively long wait lists for treatment, or else travel great distances to find openings at out-of-state facilities. Others are simply unable to obtain necessary treatment.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital, and I thank you for your assistance in providing access to care to the residents of your area.

Sincerely,

Ashley Pasen Shields, Director  
Mental Health Solutions

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Sincerely,

*Bright Fellowes, PsyD*

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Mental Health Solutions, President and Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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# **NAMI** Cook County North Suburban

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NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Cook County North Suburban, is the local affiliate that services the Northbrook area. We are acutely aware of the need for additional psychiatric beds in Northbrook and the surrounding north suburban area. Currently patients are forced to spend upwards of 48 hours in local emergency rooms waiting for a bed to open up. Often times patients are sent to hospitals in Chicago due to the lack of sufficient beds in the northern suburbs of Cook County.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy Carstedt  
Executive Director

Cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

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DuPage County

January 8, 2016

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In line with an unfortunate nationwide trend, from 2005 to 2010, Illinois lost 22% of its Public Psychiatric beds. The ongoing budget impasse has left the community services in a limbo, thus leaving very few alternatives for acute behavioral health care. Here at NAMI DuPage, we see the consequences of these decisions every day - be it a panicky phone call enquiring about resources or seeing someone well on the path to recovery suffer a relapse.

It is our belief that adequate access to quality clinical care and ongoing support services for the mentally ill population will help communities prosper.

Therefore, I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Angela Adkins  
Executive Director  
NAMI DuPage

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

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January 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Mr. Schoon,

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

Far too many families are waiting far too long, for far too few services. The loss of state-operated and private hospital inpatient beds in the past decade, recent community mental health agency funding cuts, and a shortage of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals have combined to diminish, and in some instances deplete, the pool of mental health resources in many communities.

There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Knake  
Executive Director  
NAMI Metro Suburban

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

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January 25, 2016

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
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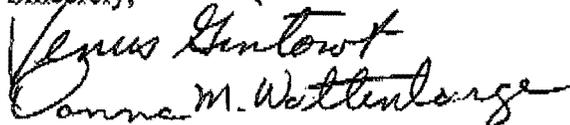
We, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Northwest Suburban, write you in support of US HealthVest's application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

As a family support organization, we know that there is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Community mental health centers are cutting services due to lack of state funding. Those individuals in need of mental health treatment are in need of greater access to a variety of specialized professional services.

We ask you to strongly consider the approval of US HealthVest's application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook. There is a great need in the area to expand behavioral health services.

Thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,



Venus Gintowt, Co-President  
Donna M. Wattenbarger, Co-President  
On behalf of NAMI Northwest Suburban



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Dear Mr. Schoon,

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

There is clearly a need in the north suburban area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment, or to travel unreasonable distances for care. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

Our inpatient psychiatric practice hospitalizes between 2,000-2,400 patients per year from all over Illinois including many patients presented for hospitalization from the northern suburbs, all the way north to the state line; Northbrook included. Illinois has a bed distribution problem. Under the circumstances, with the lack of psychiatric care in your area, our psychiatrists often have to bring a patient down to the western suburbs for care, e.g. Berwyn at MacNeal, Forest Park at Riveredge or Glendale Heights at GlenOaks. This makes little sense to take someone so far from their community for care. We have often wished there was a psychiatric option in your area, to the point where at one time several years ago, we attempted to put a group of investors together to build one in Lincolnshire. Suffice it to say, having psychiatric beds in Northbrook, to serve the north shore and northwest suburbs is sorely needed and will be successful. We would support it, rather than bring referrals to us so far away from home.

Associate in Behavioral Science fully supports this project and urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Alfa Murphy  
Practice Manager

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

# ARBOR

Counseling Center, Ltd.

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We often find a lack of quality inpatient psychiatric resources in our community. Having this as a resource would be a valued option to many social service providers and the community alike.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,



Scott E. Stolarick, LCPC  
Program Director  
Arbor Counseling Center, Ltd.

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President



# ELK GROVE TOWNSHIP YOUTH SERVICES

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As Clinical Director of Elk Grove Township Youth Services, I can attest to the discrepancy between the need for urgent psychiatric care and the available resources to meet this need. At a critical moment, many find that there is nothing for them.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Dean Reschke M.S. LMFT  
Clinical Director  
Elk Grove Township Youth Services

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President



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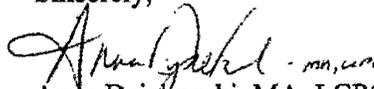
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I have been working in the field for over five years and with all the budget cuts in the last few years, I have seen many mental health treatment options dwindle. During this time I worked with many clients that required inpatient psychiatric care. Many times they ended up being in the ER for hours until a hospital had an open bed on their psychiatric floor or they got transferred once or twice to other hospitals. Many times these hospitals were very far away and their families could not even visit them frequently. I feel this creates even more stressors on their mental health, instead of actually helping them. By having more access to a behavioral hospital in this community it would significantly help those who need mental health treatment get the services they require quickly.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

  
Anna Dziekonski, MA, LCPC  
Assistant Director  
Maine Township  
MaineStay Youth and Family Services

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President



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I have heard clients report that they have gone to the hospital with suicidal ideation or other urgent mental health symptoms, that they have experienced long wait times, insufficient numbers of beds, and transfers between hospitals, which can be distressing. Having another behavioral hospital would be an asset in the north/northwest suburbs that we at MaineStay Youth & Family Services would utilize.

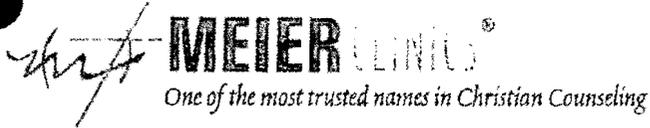
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Sincerely,

Kristina Oltrogge, MA, AMFT  
Family Therapist  
MaineStay Youth & Family Services  
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koltrogge@mainetown.com

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum, Village President

*The mission of MaineStay Youth & Family Services is to support the growth of healthier families in the Maine Township community by providing affordable strength-based counseling and comprehensive programs focused on prevention and education.*



January 12, 2016

Mr. David Schoon  
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Village of Northbrook Development & Planning Services  
1225 Cedar Lane  
Northbrook, IL 60062

RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon:

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

In speaking with our staff at the Northbrook Meier Clinics, I understand that no specialized psychiatric services are available at the local hospital. Patients are then either denied the services they desperately need or must seek care at another hospital.

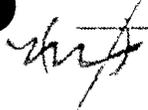
Allowing US Healthvest to establish a hospital in Northbrook would not only be beneficial to our clients and others in the community but would create additional revenue sources for Northbrook.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Brown*  
Nancy Brown  
President

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum



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January 12, 2016

Mr. David Schoon  
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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon:

As the Clinical Executive Director for the Illinois Meier Clinics, I have recently been made aware of a situation by staff at our Northbrook clinic. It appears that there is no hospital providing behavioral healthcare in the surrounding area. Those needing such care must travel outside of the community which is often not feasible.

I understand that US Healthvest is very interested in establishing a hospital in Northbrook to fill this void. As a psychologist with over 20 years experience, I encourage you to consider this request as quality mental health care is vital to not only the individual and family but to the community as a whole.

I am endorsing US Healthvest's desire to establish a behavioral health hospital in Northbrook and hope you will support them in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Bradley Kahle, PsyD  
Licensed Psychologist  
Clinical Executive Director for IL Meier Clinics

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum



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Dear Mr. Schoon:

I have been a psychologist with Meier Clinics for over 20 years, working at the Wheaton and Northbrook locations. We have several nearby hospitals who provide behavioral healthcare in the Wheaton area but there is a great void in the Northbrook area. We must send our clients to communities farther away which creates additional stress during what is already a stressful time for them. Many may not even follow through with hospital care that is recommended due to barriers created by needing to go outside the community.

I am asking your consideration and support to allow US Healthvest to establish a hospital in Northbrook. This would greatly benefit our clients, others in Northbrook and the surrounding communities, as well as the city of Northbrook itself.

Thank you for carefully considering this request and endorsement on behalf of US Healthvest.

Sincerely,

Kris McKnight, PsyD  
Licensed Psychiatrist

cc: The Board of Trustees; Ms. Sandra Frum



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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon:

As the Medical Director of the Illinois Meier Clinics, I wanted to let you know that I support US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

In speaking with our clinical staff who see clients at our Northbrook location, I understand that there is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services. Patients being evaluated at the local hospital must go to other communities if they require hospital care. This is, obviously, not an ideal situation, especially during times of crisis and may cause some people not to follow through and receive the care they need.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Casaccio, M.D.  
Licensed Psychiatrist  
Medical Director of Illinois Meier Clinics

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum



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RE: US HealthVest's Proposed Behavioral Hospital in Northbrook

Dear Mr. Schoon:

This letter is in support of US Healthvest's proposed behavioral hospital in Northbrook. There is an unmet need in the surrounding area for specialized psychiatric services that is resulting in patients being deferred or denied treatment. Approval of US HealthVest's application will increase access to these important services.

Our Northbrook office is strategically located to be accessible to the northern suburbs of Chicago. At present, we provide only outpatient mental health services. When needed, crisis mental health needs are assessed by the local community hospital emergency room. When needed, adults are referred to a hospital in Evanston and adolescents are referred to a hospital in Highland Park. This means that the initial hospital care and follow-up care are not provided in the same location which is certainly not ideal. Our clients, as well as others in the community, would greatly benefit from a central location when hospital care is required which would then offer better continuity of care.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's behavioral hospital and thank you for your assistance in providing access to care.

Sincerely,

Kim Lurvey, L.C.S.W.  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Northbrook Clinic Director

cc: The Board of Trustees, Ms. Sandra Frum

January 22, 2016

Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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RE: US Healthvest's Certificate of Need Application for Northbrook Behavioral Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing this letter in support of US HealthVest's Certificate of Need application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook.

Meier Clinics provide mental health services in eleven states, including locations in Illinois in Northbrook, Wheaton, Chicago and Geneva. It is not unusual for our patients to experience frequent delays in accessing inpatient psychiatric care, often due to bed shortages or lack of services.

I solicited feedback from the following clinical staff regarding inpatient referrals:

Gary A. Casaccio, M.D., Illinois Medical Director  
Steve Lee, M.D., Director of Breakaway  
Kim Lurvey, LCSW, Northbrook Clinic Director  
Christine Zielinski, LCSW, National Intake Coordinator

They reported that they have referred approximately 66 people to inpatient care over the past 12 months. This is not reflective of the total number we have referred as we have over 50 clinical staff in Illinois, so the above is a very conservative figure. The estimated number of potential referrals over a 24-month period after the project is completed would conservatively be 122 people.

I urge you to support the approval of US HealthVest's application for Northbrook Behavioral Hospital. Approval of US Health Vest's application will increase access to much needed services.

Sincerely,



Nancy Meier Brown  
President  
Meier Clinics

State of Illinois County of DuPage  
This instrument was acknowledged before me on Jan. 22, 2016 by  
Nancy Meier Brown  
Signature of Notary Public: Sandra K. Newport

**SANDRA K. NEWPORT**  
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter in support of US Healthvest's Certificate of Need application for a behavioral hospital in Northbrook, Illinois.

I am a psychiatrist in practice on the northwest side of Chicago and suburbs for the past two decades over which time I have seen several psychiatric facilities close their doors leading to patients having to wait longer at a general medical facility for transfer or being turned away at the admissions office due to lack of beds. My patients now experience this delay on a routine basis. The area is now in short supply and we could use an additional facility managed by US Health Vest who has many decades of experience in psychiatric hospital facility construction and development of quality programs.

Our group practice has referred over 400 patients for inpatient admission and over 600 for partial hospitalization in the past year from our practice locations in zip codes 60631, 60194 and 60016. We estimate that this number will increase to 500 inpatients in 2016 and that once the new hospital is open in Northbrook about two hundred of these in need patients would benefit from an admission to this new state of the art facility for mental health and substance abuse care. These patients live primarily in the following zip code areas. 60015, 16, 22, 25, 26, 29,56, 62, 70, 90, 91, 93, 02, 10, 11, 15, 20 30, 35, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 53, 60, 61, 64, 69, 73, 75, 76, 77, 79, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 93, 96, 99, 60201, 02, 03, 04 ,08, 09, 60626, 45, 59 60712, 14.

The above information has not been used to support any other facilities pending or approved CON application.

Please register my support for the approval of US HealthVest's application for Northbrook Behavioral Hospital. Approval of US HealthVest's application will improve the quality of care and increase access to these necessary services.

Sincerely,



Blaise J. Wolfrum, MD, FAPA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, county of COOK



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