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Children's Hospital of Chicago®

December 23, 2016

BY E-MAIL
Mr. Mike Constantino
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Re: Letter of Support, Project 16 - 044
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook

Dear Mike:

Attached is an additional letter of support for the above referenced project. We request that the letter be included as written comments on Project 16-044.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Nanette Bufalino

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December 21, 2016

Ms. Courtney Avery
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Re: Letter of Support
Certificate of Need Project# 16-044
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
Outpatient Services and Surgical Center, Northbrook

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am pleased to write in support of the project by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago to establish an ASTC for pediatric outpatient surgery in Northbrook.

Twenty-five years ago, Northwest Community Hospital established a clinical affiliation with Children's Memorial Hospital (now Lurie Children's) for enhancing the care of pediatric services in Arlington Heights and surrounding communities. This was the first collaborative relationship by Children's Memorial Hospital in the metropolitan area. Our partnership has grown over the decades and is an important relationship today. Through our agreement, Lurie Children's has placed pediatric specialists at Northwest Community Hospital to support care in the following areas: labor and delivery, normal newborn care, neonatology/NCH's Level III Nursery, Emergency department, pediatric hospitalist coverage and the telehealth program.

This relationship has brought clinical specialty expertise from the downtown Lurie Children's Hospital to our communities, enhancing the delivery of pediatric care in collaboration with the NCH medical staff. Pediatric patients and their families greatly appreciate having high quality clinical pediatric service available near their homes.

The plan to provide pediatric outpatient surgery in Northbrook is consistent with the plan to make pediatric care available to people in northern Illinois communities. On behalf of Northwest Community Hospital, I strongly support this project and recommend approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Nagy, RN, MSN, NEA-BC
Executive Vice President
Chief Nursing Officer

Cc Jill Keats