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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Re: Palos Health Surgery Center (Proj. No. 16-059) – Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

This office represents The St. George Corporation, Palos Community Hospital, South Campus Partners, Inc., and Palos Health Surgery Center, LLC (collectively “Palos Health”). On behalf of Palos Health, we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Palos Health Surgery Center application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting. This project proposes to establish an ambulatory surgical treatment center (“ASTC”) in a new constructed medical office building in Orland Park, Illinois. Construction of the medical office building is currently underway. To ensure no disruptions related to integration of the ASTC into the medical office building, Palos Health respectfully requests the State Board consider the CON Application at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting.

On March 29, 2016, the State Board approved Palos Health’s application to construct a medical office building located on Palos Health’s south campus in Orland Park. The proposed ASTC will be located within this newly constructed medical office building. Construction of the medical office building is currently underway. Both projects will benefit in terms of cost and scheduling if the CON Application is considered at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting. Importantly, the ASTC architectural plans must be approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Design Standards Unit prior to build out of ASTC, which can take several months. It is imperative to obtain approval of the architectural plans as soon as practicable to ensure build out

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of the ASTC is nearly complete once the medical office building goes online in 2019. It would be highly disruptive to the operation of the medical office building to have construction crews working on the newly operational building. The activation and delivery of the surgery center equipment and first load of supplies would also disrupt the medical office building's clinical operations. To keep both projects on schedule and to minimize inconvenience to both patients and clinical staff, Palos Health respectfully requests consideration of its CON Application at the March 14, 2017 State Board meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the Palos Health Surgery Center CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne M. Cooper".

Anne M. Cooper

cc: Michael Constantino