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

**Re: Project #17-004, Fresenius Kidney Care Mount Prospect**

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am writing to request your approval of an expedited review of the Fresenius Kidney Care Mount Prospect 8-station CON application to be heard on the May 2, 2017 agenda. As explained fully in the application, this facility will be unique in that it will offer "Urgent Start" Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis (IPD) resulting in better patient outcomes, cost savings to the healthcare system and promotion of home dialysis.

Dr. Tanna, Medical Director of Fresenius Palatine, will be the Medical Director of Fresenius Mount Prospect. IPD services are offered at the Palatine facility, however IPD as well as in-center hemodialysis services are severely restricted because this facility is currently operating at 95% utilization. The home dialysis program there serves 33 patients. The high census at this facility limits access for Dr. Tanna to start his new ESRD patients with Urgent Start IPD and also limits access to in-center dialysis treatment schedules. He is not able to refer these patients to other area facilities for IPD, because there are not any that offer it. IPD not only requires space for the services, but a specially trained staff and a Medical Director who supports IPD.

The sooner the project can be heard by the Board the sooner Dr. Tanna's patients can receive the benefits of Urgent Start IPD services. Also, in order to bring this project to fruition sooner, the site for the Mount Prospect facility was chosen because it is existing space which can be built out quicker than a new building.

I believe the application will meet Board criteria and respectfully ask that you consider expediting its hearing to the May 2, 2017 meeting.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright  
Senior CON Specialist