

Village of Romeoville

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Ms. Kathryn J. Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

MAYOR
John Noak

CLERK
Dr. Bernice E. Holloway

Re: DaVita Romeoville Dialysis Project- No. 17-043

TRUSTEES
Linda S. Palmiter
Jose (Joe) Chavez
Brian A. Clancy Sr.
Dave Richards
Ken Griffin
Lourdes Aguirre

Dear Chairwoman Olson:

I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic support for the DaVita Romeoville Dialysis Project.

As the Mayor of Romeoville I care greatly about the well-being of our Village, but care even more about the well-being of the residents for whom Romeoville is home. New development in the community is always a good opportunity; but when that development also addresses a missing health care need for our residents, it is even better.

Many people are surprised when they learn of our city's recent growth. Romeoville now has almost 40,000 residents, ranking it 45 of 1366 municipalities in Illinois. Romeoville has grown to surpass Kankakee, Rock Island, Danville and 1,321 other municipalities in terms of population. For all that Romeoville has going for it, there is one thing that we do not have. We do not have a single facility in our city for patients needing dialysis care despite there being many residents requiring end stage renal dialysis. Because age and ethnicity greatly affect the incidence of kidney disease, our community likely has even more residents requiring dialysis than average.

I was interested in comparing the availability of dialysis in Romeoville with other larger communities. What I found, and what you see on the attached chart, is that all of the 45 largest municipalities in Illinois but four have one or more dialysis facilities within their community. Wheaton, Bartlett, Carol Stream and Romeoville are currently without a facility, but there is a project pending in Carol Stream. Consequently, Romeoville would be one of the largest communities to not have an ESRD facility.

VILLAGE MANAGER
Steve Gulden

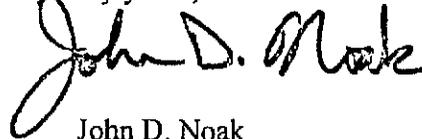
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I realize that the Review Board approach is to look at drive times while a mayor looks at city limits. I want to explain, however, why both drive times and city boundaries can be important. First, however, I want to applaud the Board for recently recognizing the unique nature of dialysis by changing its rules for ESRD drive time standards.

Travel considerations are important for patients. One service our Village offers is our "Ride Around Town" service. Residents can make prior arrangements for pooled travel for errands, health care appointments, shopping and other travel needs. Because of budget limitations the times and distances are limited. A resident traveling within Romeoville can travel round trip within city limits for \$3.00. Residents can use this service to travel a limited distance outside Romeoville, but for an increased cost. Most of the facilities considered to be within 30 minute travel time are outside the limits of our service. Consequently, those facilities are not even an option for any resident needing to rely on our Ride Around Town service. Other ESRD facilities are within the travel service area, but come at a much higher cost to the resident. For example, travel to facilities in Joliet, Naperville and others would cost a resident \$12.00 round trip rather than \$3.00 for a ride within Romeoville. For a typical ESRD patient, that difference could be almost \$1,500 per year. I am attaching information and map from our website about our Ride Around Town program.

I ask your approval of the Romeoville Dialysis Project.

Very truly yours,



John D. Noak
Mayor

Enclosures

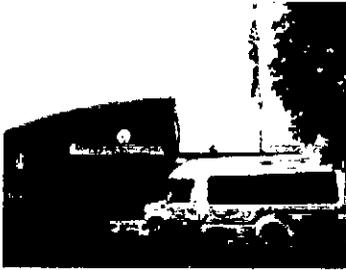
Ride Around Town

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Romeoville's Ride Around Town program lets you relax while we do the driving! Romeoville residents can now utilize this service for rides within a ten mile radius of Romeoville for various appointments.

Appointments must be made a minimum of 48 hours in advance and are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Times cannot be guaranteed. To schedule your ride, call 815-888-6222.

Now picking up in Carillon! It is an extra \$1 per trip.



AREA 1

- Romeoville

FEES

- \$1.50 one way
- \$3 round trip

AREA 2

These locations are east of Route 59.

- Bolingbrook
- Crest Hill
- Lemont
- Lockport
- Plainfield

FEES

- \$3 one way
- \$6 round trip

AREA 3

These locations are west of Route 59.

- Homer Glen
- Joliet
- Naperville
- Plainfield
- Woodridge

FEES

- \$8 one way
- \$12 round trip

These fees apply to rides originating in Area 1. There will be a \$1 charge for each additional stop.

