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Re: Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park - Project 17-016

Romeoville Dialysis, Romeoville -Project 17-043

Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge -- Project 17-014

May 15, 2018

Dear Chair Olson,

Edward-Elmhurst Health, representing Edward and Elmhurst Hospitals, supports the development of services that improve access and promote the health of the communities we serve. Toward this end, we support the above-referenced dialysis projects providing capacity issues exist in the targeted areas.

Sincerely,



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RE: Support Letter for:
Romeoville Dialysis, Romeoville – Project 17-043
Rutgers Park Dialysis, Woodridge – Project 17-014
Salt Creek Dialysis, Villa Park – Project 17-016

Dear Chair Olson,

I write in support of DuPage Medical Group’s proposed Dialysis clinics. Over our 100 year history, we have provided patient-centered, community-based, high quality, affordable health care to patients in the Chicago suburbs. We are the largest Federally Qualified Health (“FQHC”) in the Chicago suburbs, serving over 72,000 patients annually. Among FQHCs, we rank among the top 30% nationally for quality outcomes in multiple measures.

DuPage Medical Group has been a valued partner in our mission. Through its generous contributions through the DuPage Medical Group Charitable Fund of the DuPage Foundation, DuPage Medical Group supports our mission to deliver high quality, affordable care when patients need it; in a location they can get to; and given by someone who knows them. DuPage Medical shares our commitment to coordination of care across networks and specialties, and these proposed projects with DaVita are in line with their long-standing collaborative mission and will further improve care for area patients who require dialysis.

We serve a large, multi-ethnic population that is 65% Hispanic and 14% African American who have little or no insurance. These populations have high rates of diabetes and other chronic health diseases. As you know, diabetes is a main risk factor for developing kidney disease. This patient population is especially vulnerable as a result of often irregular access to primary care in the past. In the event that one of our patients in need requires short-term or long-term dialysis, we would welcome the opportunity to have these patients receive their dialysis services from DMG and DaVita.

VNA Health Care is pleased to support DuPage Medical Group’s proposed collaboration with Da Vita in establishing these Dialysis clinics and we encourage the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve these projects to better serve residents and neighboring communities.

Sincerely,

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