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Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

RE: Vista Medical Center West Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am Dr. Robert Baker, my office is located in Long Grove, IL. I am supporting the expansion of psychiatric beds in Lake County at Vista Medical Center West. Access to inpatient mental health care is important for our community and the lack of psychiatric beds in this community impacts the continuum of care leaving my patients with options that take them out of the community they live in. This situation compromises family involvement, access to after care post hospitalization and management of mental health emergencies for our residents in Waukegan.

In my practice alone, I have seen approximately 90 patients in the past 12 months. The 90 patients are from zip code 60047.

I project to see approximately 100 patients annually that will require such services.

The information I have included has not been used to support another pending or approved CON application for a behavioral hospital.

The community of Long Grove, Waukegan, and surrounding area thanks you for approving this application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Robert Baker M.D.