HSHS Medical Group

February 28, 2018

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

Re: Northgrove Dialysis (Proj. No. 17-049)

Dear Chair Olson:

I write to clarify the available referral data for our Highland dialysis patients.

Dr. Bassim Assioun joined HSHS Medical Group in July 2015 to care for our rapidly growing CKD/ESRD patient population. Prior to Dr. Assioun's arrival at HSHS Medical Group, we referred our CKD patients to local nephrologists, who took responsibility for their kidney care and coordinated their dialysis services. We are unable to provide specific historical data on the dialysis treatment facilities used by our CKD patient population or the referral patterns of our Primary Care Physicians prior to July 2015.

We hope this information will assist you with your review of the proposed Northgrove Dialysis facility and respectfully request that you approve the application.

Sincerely,

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