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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Kathryn Olson
Chair
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Project #17-060, Fresenius Kidney Care Waukegan Park

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing to request your approval of an expedited review of the Fresenius Kidney Care Waukegan Park application to be heard on the February 27, 2017 agenda. The extreme high utilization in the Waukegan/North Chicago Medically Underserved Area (MUA) of Lake County is eliminating access to dialysis services for disadvantaged patients here. Currently the Fresenius Waukegan Harbor facility is operating at 97% utilization and the DaVita Waukegan facility is at 104% utilization.

The Waukegan/North Chicago MUA consists of a large disadvantaged minority population that is at an increased risk of diabetes and high blood pressure leading to kidney failure. It is 43% Hispanic and 23% African American. The prevalence of end stage renal disease here is 35% higher than Lake County or the State.

Due to the above factors in this large (MUA) we desire to ensure that if approved, we can get the project's shell building up well before winter weather sets in later in the year.

I respectfully ask that you consider expediting the Fresenius Waukegan Park application to be heard at the February 27th meeting.

Sincerely,

Lori Wright
Senior CON Specialist

cc: Clare Connor