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Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
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Dear Ms. Avery:

As a board certified cardiologist, I work often in the cardiovascular suite at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, IL. The department serves the cardiology patients and also all the other angiography cases that do not involve the heart. That has resulted in a very large volume of patients. An additional room will be very helpful in caring for all our patients.

Every day the physicians, nurses, technologists and patients face challenges in an undersized department. With only two rooms for the diagnostic, interventional and electrophysiology procedures, some of the equipment needs to be moved frequently which is hard on the staff and the equipment. Scheduling a heavy volume of patients to be in the right room, with adequate time to set up for their procedure, is a challenge for all parties.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the Certificate of Need request for modernization of the procedure areas at Advocate South Suburban, which includes cardiovascular services.

Sincerely,

Lokesh Chandra, MD