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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Cicero Dialysis – Request for Expedited Review

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of DaVita Inc. and Hopkinton Dialysis, LLC (collectively “DaVita”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Cicero Dialysis application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the December 4, 2018 State Board meeting. This project proposes the establishment of a 12 station dialysis clinic to be located at 6001 Ogden Avenue, Cicero, Illinois. It is critical the CON Application be heard at the December 4, 2018 meeting as the letter of intent for the lease expires on December 7, 2018.

Notwithstanding the expiration of the letter of intent for the lease, it is critical the CON Application be heard at the December 4, 2018 meeting. The Cicero geographic service area is an economically disadvantaged area that is a health care professional shortage area. As of March 31, 2018, 1,422 end-stage renal disease (“ESRD”) patients reside within 5 miles of the proposed Cicero Dialysis. Excluding recently approved dialysis facilities which are being developed to serve distinct groups of patients, average utilization of area dialysis facilities is 80%. Further, during the three year period ending June 30, 2018, patient census in the Cicero geographic service area increased 5.2% annually and is anticipated to increase for the foreseeable future due to the demographics of the community and disease incidence and prevalence trends. The additional stations will address access issues as well as the growing need for dialysis in Cicero. If the CON Application is approved, DaVita would hope Cicero Dialysis would be operational during the first quarter of 2021. Accordingly, DaVita respectfully requests the State Board consider the Cicero Dialysis application at the December 4, 2018 State Board meeting.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of DaVita's request for expedited review of the Cicero Dialysis CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne M. Cooper'.

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