

Courtney R. Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities Review Board
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Springfield Illinois, 62761

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Dear Ms. Avery,

Ms. Avery I am a twenty-one year veteran of Blessing Hospital. I also had the opportunity of working for three years at the Quincy, Surgery Center the Blessing has and rents space from Quincy Medical Group. I enjoy working at Blessing very much. I currently work as a nurse manager at Blessing. Blessing Hospital has provided for me and my family. I would not be where I am today if it was not for Blessing. I also attended Blessing Keenan College of Nursing. I appreciate everything that I have gained from my twenty-one years of service.

The Quincy Surgery Center provides gastroenterological procedures, + some selected surgeries. Frankly, I feel adding another surgery center to the community will only add more unneeded costs to the community. The volume is not there. Quincy is a community that deserves to get the very best care with the fairest costs. There are people in the community that all ready suffer from a lack of services because they simply can not afford it. Please consider reviewing the monetary charity funds that Blessing Health System has put back in to the community for the Quincy people. The amount will surprise you, but not me. Blessing is non-for profit. Quincy Medical Group is non-for profit. If this surgery center is approved, but fails due to the amount of cost, without the amount of volume. That could lead to a major concern to the community.

Ms. Avery, I urge you to please consider the impact it would make on Quincy, IL customers if this certificate of need is awarded. Driving costs up for medical needs is not a solution. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely and yours Respectfully

Donnelle Hankins
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