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**VIA FEDEX**

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Re: Illinois Spine Institute, HFSRB Project #18-044- Letters of Support

Dear Ms. Avery:

We represent Specialty Surgicare, LTD., in connection with Project #18-044, Illinois Spine Institute. Enclosed please find 5 letters of support for the above referenced project.

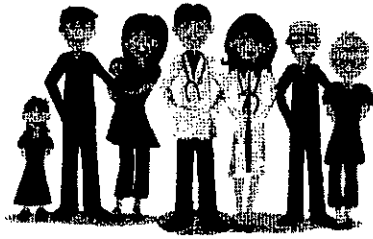
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Very truly yours,

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### **Favia Primary Care**

These delays are a real deterrent to our patients. Living with chronic pain is a harsh reality for our patients, but also add delay to a receiving treatment when the Illinois Spine Institute could be performing these procedures at their location.

Granting approval for this project a CON will eliminate the unnecessary delays faced by patients. I believe that, if approved, this project will provide improve access for the local community and our patients. ISI's commitment to this vulnerable patient population can be meet with approval of this project.

I respectfully request that you approve the Certificate of Need for Project #18-044 Illinois Spine Institute to expand care and improve access to care. I firmly believe this project is needed and is in the best interest of my patients.

Thank you,

  
Phil Favia, MD

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**Re: Letter of Support for Project # 18-044, Illinois Spine Institute**

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing to ask the HFSRB to approve the Certificate of Need application for Project #18-044, Illinois Spine Institute to establish an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center which will be located at 500 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195.

I am a current patient receiving treatment from Dr. Graf. I suffer from a cervical and lumbar disc herniations and chronic headaches. I have also undergone surgery by Dr. Graf. I am very pleased with the care that I receive at the Illinois Spine Institute. They are always able to accommodate my schedule and typical wait times are less than 15 minutes. The staff at the Illinois Spine Institute is courteous, professional, and they really seem to care about improving my condition.

Everyone deserves to have access to healthcare like the kind I receive at ISI. Living with a chronic pain condition is difficult and shorter wait times for procedures can really make a difference.

I am grateful for everything the doctors at the Illinois Spine Institute have done for me. I ask that the HFSRB approve the Certificate of Need for Project #18-044 Illinois Spine Institute.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Pederson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christine Pederson

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**Re: Letter of Support for Project # 18-044, Illinois Spine Institute**

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Rajiv Sood, MD and I am writing this letter to strongly support this CON application and encourage the HFSRB to approve the CON application for Project #18-044, Illinois Spine Institute's to establish an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center, which will be located at 500 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195.

I am a primary care physician and I support this project because I have seen a growing need for additional access to care for patients who suffer from chronic pain and spinal conditions. I can attest to the outstanding care my patients receive at ISI. Chronic pain that stems from the spine can be incredibly difficult on patients. The pain can exact a tremendous toll on the patient's everyday life, leaving them unable to partake in everyday activities that so many of us take for granted.

If the HFSRB approves this project, it will allow my patients to have procedures performed at ISI in a timely fashion. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for chronic pain patients to have procedures scheduled and performed timely. These procedures can often eliminate or ease the pain that a patient is suffering from immediately.

It is clear to me that this project will increase access to high quality care for my patients and others in the community. ISI's expertise in spinal conditions and pain management is second to none.

I request that you approve the CON for Project #18-044 Illinois Spine Institute to increase access to care.

Thank you,

Rajiv Sood, MD



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**Re: Letter of Support for Project # 18-044, Illinois Spine Institute**

Dear Ms. Avery,

My name is Dr. Jerry Myrda and I want to express my strong support for Illinois Spine Institute's application to establish an Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center, which will be located at 500 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195.

I am a primary care physician and have worked with Drs. Lami and Graf for several years. We refer patients to them when our patients suffer from chronic pain conditions that we cannot treat in our offices. We are very pleased to be working with Drs. Lami and Graf because they treat our patients well, utilize cutting edge technologies, and have a commitment to treating the cause of our patients' pain and not over relying on medication.

We can confirm the unnecessary delays faced by our patients in traditional hospitals surgical suites when they require interventional pain and orthopedic procedures. There are procedures that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will not reimburse physicians for unless they are performed in either a hospital surgical suite or Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center setting. Granting this project a CON will eliminate the unnecessary delays faced by patients, provide for more procedure options and reduce the overall costs to the patient and CMS.

I believe that, if approved, this project will provide improved access and shorter wait for pain and orthopedic procedures. The Illinois Spine Institute's commitment to this vulnerable patient population can be met with approval of this project.

I respectfully request that you approve the Certificate of Need for Project #18-044 Illinois Spine Institute to expand care and improve access to procedures for the local community. I strongly believe this project is needed and is in the best interest of my patients.

Regards,

Jerry Myrda, DO

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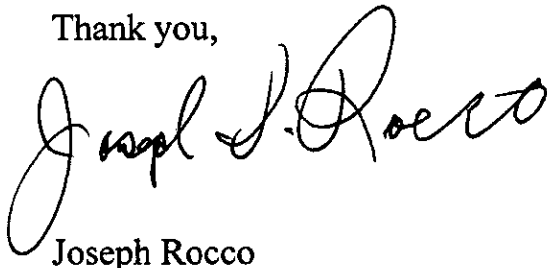
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I am a current patient receiving treatment from Dr. Graf. I value and appreciate the current care that I am receiving from my doctors at the Illinois Spine Institute and hope that others can also benefit from their care too.

I believe that, if approved, this project will result in improved access and shorter wait times for procedures in our community and it will allow other people who suffer from chronic pain like myself to get relief. I know this will help many patients improve the quality of our everyday lives.

I respectfully request that you approve the Certificate of Need for Project #18-044 Illinois Spine Institute to expand and improve access to procedures for the local community and myself.

Thank you,



Joseph Rocco