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VIA FEDEX

Courtney Avery
Board Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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

Dear Ms. Avery:

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

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 312-212-4967 or via email at JMorado@beneschlaw.com, you can also contact my colleague Mark J. Silberman at 312-212-4952 or via email at MSilberman@beneschlaw.com.

Very truly yours,

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

Dear Ms. Avery,

I want to humbly request that you approve the Certificate of Need 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.

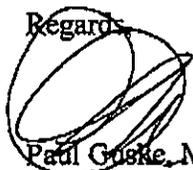
I am a general surgeon and have known Drs. Graf and Lami for several years. I support this project because I have witnessed an increase in the number of patients that I see suffering from chronic pain conditions. These patients are often living with conditions that prevent them from living normal everyday lives, and their conditions require additional complex healthcare that we are unable to provide in our office. I often send these patients to Drs. Graf and Lami because I know that they will receive the highest quality care at ISI.

Chronic pain conditions can often stem from a number of different spine conditions and I pleased to have such skilled surgeons to send my patients to at ISI. I know from experience that some of the area Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers are unable to provide the same level of care or are unable to provide timely treatment to my patients so that they can maintain some of the normalcy of their lives. Approving the ISI application will allow my patients to receive prompt and efficient care.

I believe that, if approved, this project will provide improved access for the local community and our patients. ISI's commitment to treating chronic pain patients is unmatched.

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.

Regards,



Paul Guske, MD