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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

VIA FEDEX AND EMAIL

Ms. Courtney Avery, Board Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
Illinois Department of Public Health
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Permit Renewal Request - Illinois Spine Institute, Chicago Project #18-044

Dear Ms. Avery:

On March 5, 2019 the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) approved Project # 18-044 to establish a limited specialty Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center (ASTC) at 500 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois, 60195. Enclosed with this permit renewal request is a check for the permit renewal processing fee. This is our first permit renewal request.

Requested Project Completion Date

The permit holder requests that the HFSRB grant a permit renewal that would establish December 31, 2020 as the project completion date for this project.

Status of the Project

The remaining project components include a survey and licensure of the facility by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). During the review process by the IDPH Division of Life Safety and Construction identified issues that requires work to be completed by the site owner prior to occupancy by the permit holder. We were informed by the site owner that the work addressing those issues would be completed by July 2020.

Given the existing project completion date of December 31, 2019, we are filing this permit renewal request to allow for occupancy and licensure of the facility. No project funds have been expended to date as the project's cost consist of rent for the leased space. Upon completion of the work by the site owner, the permit holder will move forward with expending funds in accordance with the permit letter issued for this project. The project was financially committed through the execution of a sub-lease between a Illinois Spine Institute, LTD. and the permit holder on November 19, 2019.

Statement Regarding Project Completion

This project involves the establishment of an ASTC that will be dedicated to performing procedures that fall under the orthopedic and pain management categories of service. These

procedures are necessary for a patient population that suffers from various spinal conditions and other debilitating chronic pain conditions. At this time we have been able to continue serving our patient population in variety of settings including in our office based practices or in hospital surgical suites. However, as we explained in our presentation seeking approval for this project each of those venues has challenges which affect our patient's ability to obtain prompt care and relief from pain. Completing this project would allow us to meet our commitment to the Board and importantly ensure that our patients are able to have procedures performed in a timely fashion and a cost efficient environment.

This project calls for the permit holder to lease space in an existing structure and for the space to be modernized consistent with IDPH ASTC building standards. Additionally, the permit holder will be required to pass a IDPH survey in order for the facility to be licensed. The site owner has submitted a IDPH Project Submission form to apply for a survey of the facility. The IDPH Division of Life Safety and Construction has identified issues that require work to be performed at the site in order for the facility to be licensed. The site owner has already procured the requisite permits from local authorizes to complete the work. The work will commence shortly and will bring the facility into compliance with IDPH ASTC building standards for licensure.

This permit renewal request is being sought to allow for enough time for IDPH to schedule and complete their survey and issue the facility an ASTC license. The project size and cost will be in accordance with the permit letter issued by the HFSRB and we do not anticipate the need to alter the project in anyway.

Confirmatory Evidence of Permit Compliance

Attached is an verified statement from Babak Lami, M.D. that confirms the permit holders are complying with the scope and costs of the project approved by the HFSRB pursuant to the permit letter issued for this project. Additionally, the aforementioned verified statement confirms that there are sufficient financial resources available to complete this project.

If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding the project or this permit renewal request, please feel free to contact me at 312-212-4967.

Very truly yours,

BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER,
COPLAN & ARONOFF LLP



Juan Morado, Jr.

Enclosures

JM:

**State of Illinois
County of Cook**

Verification

I, Babak Lami, M.D., being first duly sworn, on oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I serve as the Chief Executive Officer for Specialty Surgicare, LTD.
2. The IDPH Project Submission form for Illinois Spine Institute ("ISI") located at 500 West Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60195, have been submitted to the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") by the site owner.
3. Upon submission of the IDPH Project Submission form and review by the Division of Life Safety and Construction, issues were identified that required attention before a life safety survey could be conducted. The issues identified during the plan review require the site owner to complete improvements to the site.
4. We understand IDPH has approved the site owner to move forward with the improvements.
5. The project was financially committed through the execution of a lease of the space where the facility will be located.
6. We have been informed by the site owner that work associated with the issues has not commenced to date but are slated to begin before the end of the year.
7. All funding expended for the ISI facility will be in accordance with the permit issued by the Health Facilities and Services Review Board as Project # 18-044.
8. ISI has sufficient financial resources available to complete Project #18-044.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to § 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

BL MJD (signature)
Babak Lami MJD

11/18/2019 (date)