



PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE
4404 WEST LAWRENCE AVENUE 60630-2511
TELEPHONE: (773) 736-5594
FAX: (773) 736-2333
E-MAIL: WARD39@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG

MARGARET LAURINO

**ALDERMAN, 39TH WARD
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

CITY HALL - ROOM 200
121 NORTH LA SALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602
TELEPHONE: (312) 744-7242
FAX: (312) 744-0717

CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS
BUDGET AND GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS

COMMITTEES, RULES AND ETHICS

FINANCE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND AUDIT

ZONING, LANDMARKS AND
BUILDING STANDARDS

February 1, 2019

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

Re: Support for Sauganash Dialysis (18-048)

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing in support of DaVita Sauganash Dialysis to be located in Chicago's Ward 39.

This clinic is needed by area residents who suffer from End Stage Renal Disease and require dialysis to replace their kidney function. As you may be aware, kidney disease is a complex condition and is often undetectable by the patient until it has progressed to the point where it is often too late to stop or slow the disease. For those who learn of their illness in the later stages, dialysis becomes an essential life-sustaining need.

Unfortunately, more and more in my community need dialysis on an ongoing basis. This clinic is designed to serve patients who reside within five miles of the clinic. Given recent trends, existing area clinics will exceed your Board's 80% utilization threshold by the time Sauganash Dialysis is operational. This clinic is well-timed to meet these community needs and ensure patients will have uninterrupted access to care. This is critical for patients' ongoing health and wellbeing.

This new clinic will be operated by DaVita, the industry leader for quality and patient outcomes. The provider is committed to improving access to care and helping dialysis patients live their lives as healthy and normally as possible.

For the reasons mentioned above, I fully support the Sauganash Dialysis Clinic and hope the Health Facilities and Services Review will approve this clinic.

Sincerely,

Margaret Laurino
Alderman, Chicago Ward 39

RECEIVED

FEB 07 2019

HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD