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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Rogers Park Dialysis (Proj. No. 20-005)
Request for Expedited Review**

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of DaVita Inc. and Total Renal Care, Inc. (collectively “DaVita”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“State Board”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced Rogers Park Dialysis application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the May 19, 2020 State Board meeting. This project proposes the establishment of a 12 station dialysis clinic to be located at 1616 West Glenlake Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60660.

The Rogers Park geographic service area has a large and diverse immigrant population. Due in part to high cultural barriers to access health care, the Rogers Park geographic service area is a Health Resources & Services Administration designated health professional shortage area and medically underserved population. (See App. pp 85-88). Excluding recently approved dialysis clinics, which are being developed to serve distinct groups of patients, average utilization of area dialysis facilities was 76% as of September 30, 2019. Further, during the most recent three year period, patient census in the Rogers Park geographic service area increased 2% annually and is anticipated to increase for the foreseeable future due to the demographics of the community and disease incidence and prevalence trends. The additional stations will address access issues as well as the growing need for dialysis in Rogers Park. If the CON Application is approved, DaVita would hope Rogers Park Dialysis would be operational during the third quarter of 2021. Accordingly, DaVita respectfully requests the State Board consider the Rogers Park Dialysis application at the May 19, 2020 State Board meeting.



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Thank you for your time and consideration of DaVita's request for expedited review of the Rogers Park Dialysis CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne M. Cooper".

Anne M. Cooper