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April 28, 2010

Dale Galassie, Chairperson  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Support Letter for Illinois Hand & Upper Extremity Center CON Permit Application

Dear Dr. Galassie:

We have been advised that Hand Surgery Associates, S.C., located at 515 W. Algonquin Road in Arlington Heights plans to file an application for a Certificate of Need permit with the Illinois Health Facilities and Service Review Board to operate an Ambulatory Surgery Center. We understand that the Ambulatory Surgery Center will be limited to orthopedic cases and that the surgeons who will perform procedures at the Surgery Center are the physicians of Hand Surgery Associates. We are familiar with this practice and know that these physicians have an excellent reputation throughout metropolitan Chicago for their expertise in hand and upper extremity care. We support their endeavor to provide these services in a licensed Ambulatory Surgery Center and support their CON application. St. Alexius Medical Center does not believe the project will have a material impact on the utilization of surgical services at our institution.

Respectfully,

Edward M. Goldberg  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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