



Community Counseling Centers of Chicago

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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 W. Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

**SUBJECT: Renovation of Children's Memorial Hospital Outpatient Center**

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Chicago Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4) provides behavioral health and advocacy services for adults, adolescents and children through six locations on Chicago's north side. We have a long history with Children's Memorial Hospital for ongoing psychiatric services for our younger patients and support for their families, including many of whom are insured by Medicaid.

On behalf of C4, I wish to express my support for Children's Memorial Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need pertaining to renovations of its Outpatient Center at Clark and Deming Streets. I understand the renovations will modernize the Outpatient Center, which will lead to improved service efficiency and access to vital psychiatric services for children and teens.

Illinois is experiencing a shortage of mental health providers, particular those who treat Medicaid recipients, including children. State budget cut-backs have impacted the financial support received by mental health providers, and those who care for Medicaid recipients are under-reimbursement by the State. As a result, we have fewer providers to treat patients, including children and adolescents.

The renovations at Children's Memorial's Outpatient Center are important to continuing the high quality of care provided at this facility and will benefit our most vulnerable patients. I hope that you will approve Children's Memorial's request for a Certificate of Need.

Sincerely,

Bruce Seitzer  
Chief Clinical Officer

copy to: Patrick M. Magoon, President & CEO  
Children's Memorial Hospital