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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chairman  
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62702-5051

Dear Mr. Galassie:

RE: Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center

Please see attached Resurrection Health Care's response to the impact letter sent to area hospitals by Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center as part of the requirements in their CON application to add urology procedures to the licensure of their ASTC.

We would appreciate if you would add this attached letter to the public comments regarding this application. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nicolette Curth  
System Director, Business Development  
Resurrection Health Care

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Sandra Bruce, FACHE  
President & Chief Executive Officer

January 21, 2011

Dr. Ramon Garcia  
Hispanic-American Endoscopy Center  
3536 West Fullerton Avenue, Suite 515 West  
Chicago, IL 60647

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 22, 2010 regarding your intent to file a certificate of need application to add urological procedures to your limited specialty ASTC. As requested, we wish to inform you of the potential impact that adding urological procedures will have on Resurrection Health Care hospitals.

You state within your own CON application that Dr. Thomas C. Malvar, the physician who will be performing the urological procedures at your ASTC, currently performs 102 procedures at Saint Joseph Hospital and 102 procedures at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center and that once the CON is approved he will reduce that volume to 68 procedures at each of these two Resurrection Health Care hospitals. Therefore, Dr. Malvar himself states that this project will have a negative impact on these two Resurrection Health Care hospitals. Both of these hospitals have sufficient operating room capacity to accommodate the number of procedures projected for this facility (1,048 hours annually).

The CON application does not address operating room capacity within hospitals or existing ASTCs in its market area, as is required by the IHFSRB rules. However, analysis of an even much smaller service area than that which is claimed in the application indicates that approval of the addition of urological services to this ASTC would also have a negative impact on a third Resurrection Health Care hospital, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center (OLRMC). Even using a very conservative two mile radius of the ASTC, its service area includes two zip codes of OLRMC's primary service area. Approximately 32% of OLRMC's urological procedures are drawn from these two zip codes. Therefore, it must be concluded that approval of this CON application to add urological services to the Hispanic American Endoscopy Center would also have a negative impact on OLRMC.

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Saint Joseph Hospital, Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center and Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center all serve large Hispanic populations, together providing care to over 54,000 Hispanic inpatients and outpatients annually. These hospitals assure that no cultural or linguistic barriers exist in the care of these patients, including the availability of a sufficient number of Spanish speaking employees and physicians. Providing Spanish speaking caregivers does not meet the criterion in the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB) rules for "providing services that are not currently available in the geographic service area."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Bruce".

Sandra Bruce, FACHE  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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