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Mike,

Attached please find a letter of support for Crest Hill Dialysis.

Thanks.

Anne



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Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

6/3/2011

RE: Letter of Support for Crest Hill Dialysis, Project #11-004

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am writing you to express my support of the proposed 12 station dialysis facility to be located at 20660 Caton Farm Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 to be known as Crest Hill Dialysis. It has been brought to my attention that the average utilization of existing facilities in the Crest Hill and Joliet area exceeds 80%. Within the last year, average utilization of existing facilities has increased 10%, from 73% to 83% December 31, 2009 to 2010. Given this high use of existing facilities, it is often difficult for patients to schedule dialysis close to home because either the facility is full or a viable shift is full. This project is needed to expand access to life sustaining dialysis services to the elderly population of the Crest Hill area, many such as me who lack access to transportation.

Access issues for someone such as me, in Senior Assisted Living or others in nursing homes are particularly challenging. We rely on family, friends, facility transportations and other third party transportation services to transport us to and from our medical appointments. Dialysis is commonly scheduled three days a week in four hour shifts. Facility transportation and third party transportation is almost exclusively transporting patients Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Since we must schedule dialysis when transportation is available, this means second shift on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is the only viable option.

I support the proposed establishment of Crest Hill Dialysis and respectfully request the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve Project # 14-004.

Sincerely,

*George L. Heinz, Jr.*

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