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Good Afternoon Mike,

Please find the attached PDF copy of a letter written in support of the U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis certificate of need application, project number 11-025.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Thanks,

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April 20, 2011

Mr. Dale Galassie
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis

Dear Mr. Galassie:

It is my understanding that U.S. Renal is applying for a Certificate of Need to establish a 13 station dialysis facility in Bolingbrook, Illinois. U.S. Renal Care is known for providing high quality of care for patients with chronic and acute renal disease. U.S. Renal Care also provides patients with a choice of a full range of quality care, including in-center or at-home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services.

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital is a new hospital that opened our doors on January 14, 2008 and since that time we have experienced an increase in patients requiring dialysis services. We provide in-patient dialysis services only. The challenge for a hospital to maintain the continuity of care is the availability of out-patient dialysis facilities whereby our hospital patients can be referred under the care of the appropriate physician. It appears that the availability of such services in existing facilities has become limited. As a result, our patients often experience delayed discharge and thus unnecessary increases in length of stay. This volume of unnecessary patient days results in significant cost to our Hospital and to our patients individually.

Furthermore, Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital is also experiencing a change in the demographics of our patient population. Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital serves a growing number of Hispanic and African American patients, who are at a disproportionate risk of diabetes and high blood pressure, which are the leading causes of kidney failure. As a result, we have been under increasing pressure to obtain dialysis services for these patients. As previously referenced, the availability of dialysis services from existing providers in the area has decreased and, as such, we have had greater difficulty in obtaining these services for patients that are discharged from our hospital requiring out-patient dialysis services in order to maintain continuity of care.

We anticipate that the volume of patients requiring dialysis services will continue to increase and wish to ensure that there are adequate resources to meet the needs of our patients. Our goal is to continue to maintain the quality of life for the people that we serve. As such, I do support this project and ask that the Board approve the Certificate of Need application for the U.S. Renal Care Bolingbrook Dialysis facility.

Sincerely,



Rick D. Mace
Chief Executive Officer
Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital