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July 21, 2011

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

Re: U.S. Renal Care Western Suburbs

Dear Mr. Galassie:

It is my understanding that U.S. Renal is applying for a Certificate of Need to establish additional dialysis facilities in the Western suburbs of Chicago. 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 Midwest Health continues to see 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.

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, we support this inclusion of alternative providers as an enhanced way to serve our patients.

Sincerely,

David L. Crane
President/Chief Executive Officer