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

Re: U.S. Renal Care Oak Brook Dialysis

Dear Mr. Galassie:

I am a patient with chronic kidney disease writing in support of the US Renal Care dialysis facility to be built in Downers Grove, Illinois. DuPage County of Illinois currently has only one provider for in-center hemodialysis. This monopoly allows patients no choice of dialysis provider unless they choose to travel 16-20 miles round trip three times weekly.

I believe that health care for dialysis patients needs to be of high quality and patient choice of a dialysis facility as well as the doctors who treat them is very important to achieving and maintaining such quality. With patient satisfaction driving practices in health care, competition can be a precursor to better quality of care.

I support the approval of a US Renal Care location in the Downers Grove/Oak Brook area.

Sincerely,

Stephen V. Leonardo - Patient
Carol A. Strasser - Care taker
