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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities and  
Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: PROJECT # 11041  
Merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care Corporation

Dear Ms. Avery:

As a physician and president of the medical staff of Provena Saint Joseph Hospital (PSJH), I am pleased to extend my support of the Certificate of Need application for the merger between Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care.

For over 100 years, the medical team at PSJH has been dedicated to providing the members of our communities with leading-edge, patient-centered, high quality care. Over the years, our efforts have been recognized on a national level by organizations, including HealthGrades® and The Joint Commission, among others. Recently, we earned a Gold Seal of Approval™ from The Joint Commission (TJC) for Primary Stroke Centers, distinguishing PSJH as an expert provider for emergent stroke care. Additionally, we were one of 255 hospitals nationally to be awarded the 2010 Emergency Medicine Excellence Award by HealthGrades®, meaning PSJH's Emergency Department is among the top 5% in the nation.

A merger of Provena Health and Resurrection Health Care will allow us to continue to embrace quality, leading-edge options for the communities we serve.

I urge the Board's approval of this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Sundararaj Cherala, MD