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

RE: Letter of Support for Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC

Dear Mr. Galassie:

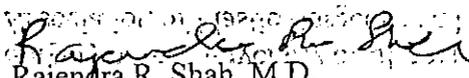
I am a board certified plastic surgeon and clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I was also the past President of the Midwest Association of Plastic Surgeons and Chicago Society of Plastic Surgeons.

The proposed surgery center will greatly benefit patients who have sustained injuries or who have conditions which affect the musculoskeletal system. These physicians will provide the best care for their patients and I know them to be the best in their field.

Also, the proposal to provide a full spectrum of services, while simultaneously having a facility that can provide for surgery on the same day for urgent and emergency cases is at the core of their application for the certificate of need. It is too often true that patients will be forced to seek care from multiple locations and delay much needed care. This also often produces bad outcomes and results that are caused by delays and uncoordinated care between providers. The surgery center's desire to coordinate all care and provide services in one location can ameliorate these problems.

Because of all that it has to offer and the exceptional skill of these physicians, it is my pleasure to support Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC's application.

Respectfully,

  
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