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Mr. Dale Galassie
Chair
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Please allow this letter to provide my strong support for the approval of the certificate of need application for Palos Hills Surgery Center, LLC. At Pepperidge Farm, it has been our pleasure to work with Dr. Kronen and Dr. Fakhouri. These physicians have always provided superior, cost effective services for our employees. We would welcome an expansion of their services and believe the proposed facility would provide premium care to our injured employees.

Additionally, Palos Hills Surgery Center would be a desirable option for many of our employees, who lack the ability to access critical health care services only available in the ASTC setting. Further, Palos Hills Surgery Center's service to worker's compensation patients in a facility capable of providing a full spectrum of care will give our employees, who are injured on the job, an opportunity to receive care at one centralized location. This will reduce the problems our employees face, as they often must obtain treatment from various locations and providers which will, consequently, help facilitate our employees return to the workforce.

Moreover, the specialized services offered by these physicians means the quality of care will be very good for all patients needing surgery in the areas of the hand and upper extremity. There is a lack of specialized services for problems of the upper extremities, which has led many of our employees to seek care within an emergency room. Thus, the efficient, integrated care provided at this facility will improve access and lead to better patient outcomes.

For these reasons, I believe Palos Hills Surgery Center would be a wonderful addition in the area, and I fully support its application for a certificate of need.

Sincerely,



Stacey Fisher

Pepperidge Farm