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June 29, 2012

Dale Galassie, Chairman
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Letters of Support for DMG Medical Office Building, Project # 12-051

Dear Chairman Galassie,

Please find included several letters of support for the DuPage Medical Group, Medical Office Building CON application (Project # 12-051). We respectfully request that these letters be taken into consideration by the Board in its deliberations on the merits of the application.

We have submitted three letters of support from physicians in a position to comment on the benefits that this medical office building will bring to the community. They are as follows:

- Dr. Brian Moran (DuPage Medical Group), a board-certified specialist in radiation oncology;
- Dr. Ravi Nemivant (DuPage Medical Group), a board-certified specialist in pulmonary medicine, critical care, and sleep medicine; and
- Dr. Philip Bonomi (Rush University Medical Center), a board-certified specialist in medical oncology and internal medicine.

As these letters of support help to demonstrate, this project will increase the quality of and access to care in the community. We hope to further elaborate on the merits of the project at the Board's September 11, 2012 hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl G. Murer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cheryl G. Murer, JD, CRA
President & CEO, Murer Consultants, Inc.

cc:

Courtney Avery, Administrator, Health Facilities and Services Review Board

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Michael Kasper, CEO, DuPage Medical Group

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Anne Murphy, Senior VP of Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Rush University Medical Center

June 4, 2012

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Re: Letter of Support for DuPage Medical Group, Medical Office Building

Mr. Chairman,

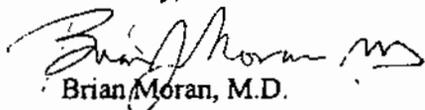
I am writing in support of DuPage Medical Group's Certificate of Need application for its planned Medical Office Building in Lisle. It is my considered opinion that this Medical Office Building will greatly enhance the availability of high-quality, diagnostic and therapeutic care in the community.

This project will help the community in several ways. First, it brings a broad range of diagnostic and treatment services under a single location that is convenient for patients. This Medical Office Building will allow patients to go to one location for initial visits, treatments, and follow-ups. Convenience and simplicity are integral to patient participation in their treatment and lead to better clinical outcomes. Second, by bringing many different specialties under one roof, DMG will be able to generate efficiencies and deliver a higher quality of care. This is because physicians will deliver care in a coordinated manner and will control quality by maintaining the necessary oversight.

This project is particularly beneficial in the case of my specialty, radiation oncology. The linear accelerator that is part of the project will offer DMG an in-house treatment option for patients with cancer. Often, such care is delivered piecemeal with varying quality. Through this project, DMG will be able to assure care is consistently delivered to the highest standards. Furthermore, the type of linear accelerator to be installed is the newest version of the most commonly accepted treatment modality for cancer. It works as well as any other treatment, with minimal side effects and maximum efficiency. This not only improves patient outcomes, but also lowers costs.

As a cancer survivor myself, I have a deep personal commitment to doing what is best for my patients. It is in keeping with this commitment that I lend my strong support to this project.

Sincerely,


Brian Moran, M.D.

June 4, 2012

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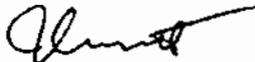
Please accept this letter of support for DuPage Medical Group's Certificate of Need application for its planned Medical Office Building in Lisle. I support this project because it will help deliver complex and specialized care to the community.

There is a need in the community for a central location where patients can go for high-quality care to diagnose and treat a wide variety of conditions. This project fills that need. Furthermore, this Medical Office Building will address other issues. Physicians will be more able to coordinate, thus reducing the fragmentation of care. Some treatment options will be made more available. Patient convenience will be enhanced.

In my own practice of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, I am often forced to send patients who live in the western suburbs into the city for treatment. These patients regularly ask me why they cannot receive care closer to home as it can be quite inconvenient to travel into the city for treatments and follow-ups. It is because the community lacks a place where patients can receive the expert, multi-specialty care commensurate with DMG's standards. This Medical Office Building will allow DMG to offer such services in a convenient location for patients in its community.

For all the foregoing reasons, respectfully request that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve this project for a Medical Office Building.

Sincerely,



Ravi Nemivant, M.D.

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June 13, 2012

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of my physician associates colleagues and our patients, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the proposed infusion therapy/chemotherapy services that Rush University Medical Center will provide in the proposed DuPage Medical Group medical office building in Lisle.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the U.S. The survival rate for cancer patients continues to improve, in part because of improved treatments. One of the three main cancer treatment modalities is infusion therapy.

Cancer patients undergoing infusion therapy are often debilitated. Today, many of them have to travel from their homes in the far western suburbs to receive their treatments at Rush in Chicago. This is very difficult for them. In the new medical office building in Lisle, they will be able to receive their care close to home. This care will include the full range of infusion therapy treatments, including those typically available only at an academic medical center; both established and research protocols will be provided. These treatments improve cancer patient survival and reduce suffering. The new building in Lisle will permit Rush to treat patients and improve their chances of survival, health, and well-being.

Some cancer treatment protocols require that infusion therapy and radiation therapy both be administered on the same visit. This, too, will be possible, since the proposed medical office building will also provide radiation oncology. The infusion and radiation treatment services at the Lisle building will enable DuPage Medical Group and Rush University Medical Center physicians to provide specialized multidisciplinary care for patients with complex cancer problems.

In conclusion, I support the development of Rush infusion therapy services in Lisle. This is necessary to continue to best serve our current patients from the Lisle area as well as the growing demand for cancer treatment services. This additional site is necessary to deliver quality care to our patients not only in the short-term but also into the future.

Sincerely,

Philip Bonomi, MD
Director, Division of Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy
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