



# Hopedale Medical Complex

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June 13, 2012

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

Re: Project: No. 12-052—Letter in Support

Dear Chairman Galassie:

On behalf of the Hopedale Medical Complex (Hopedale Hospital), this letter is written in support of the above-stated application by DaVita Inc., Pekin Dialysis, LLC and Tazewell County Dialysis to establish a freestanding dialysis center in the City of Pekin, Illinois. Dr. Ahsan Usman, Nephrologist and Internal Medicine physician, is on staff here at Hopedale Hospital and has regular office hours in our medical clinic. Hopedale Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital located in a community of 900 population in southern Tazewell County (approximately 20 miles southeast of Pekin). We service a largely rural and elderly population within a 20 mile radius, which consists of many persons in need of nephrology services, including dialysis. This includes the communities of Hopedale, Minier, Armington, Delavan, Mackinaw and Tremont (Tazewell County), as well as Atlanta (Logan County) and Manito (Mason County).

I believe that the record which was made relative to Project No. 12-004 (June meeting) and this Project No. 12-052, clearly support the establishment of an additional dialysis facility to serve Tazewell County. Dr. Usman has informed us that the technicians and clinicians from the proposed new Pekin facility would be willing to travel to Hopedale Hospital to perform dialysis for our patients here. This would be an outstanding additional service to our elderly patient population and fill a void which we have seen grow over the years.

Our full-time Medical Staff and hospital administrators believe that a dialysis center coupled with Dr. Usman's services will be a great benefit to our patients and enhance options they would not otherwise have available to them. As such, we wholeheartedly support this project.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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