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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

My name is Dr. Yelena Levitin and I am a surgeon in charge of Chicago Surgical Clinic. I finished my studies at Northwestern University Medical School in 1995, and completed my surgical residency at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's in 2000. I have been in practice full-time since that time. I am a Fellow of American College of Surgeons, and a fully board certified and recertified in my specialty. My own corporation has been in business since 2001. My group is on staff at several area hospitals and we also have a busy office practice. I have built my business up by myself, it has been fully my responsibility, along with professional pride, and I am ultimately committed to providing excellent patient care.

I have made a decision to open a new office facility and to incorporate a small surgical suite on-site due to the patients' demands for more affordable and expeditious surgical care. These days, a large percentage of patients (especially in Illinois) are uninsured or under-insured. They typically all need medical care as much as more fortunate and fully-insured individuals.

At least 20 to 25 percent of the patients that we see in the office are not able to afford the procedures that they need due to high hospital costs. They often postpone their surgeries until the last moment and show up in the area ER's with advanced stages of the disease process, requiring longer hospital stays and more complicated interventions. They frequently become a financial burden to the hospitals and health care providers due

to the limited resources. A lot of the surgical emergencies are preventable by timely intervention at the early stages of a problem.

There are a lot of powerful market forces at play, and a lot of more savvy patients are able to obtain their care at lower costs at some of the surgicenters located in more remote areas of the city. It is important to understand that these populations are being lost to the area hospitals as well as to my practice.

By being able to provide excellent surgical care on site, we are actually saving money for the community.

Smaller facilities, just by virtue of their size, have less layers of bureaucracy, and, therefore, are able to accommodate simple surgical interventions at a lower cost.

We are already providing a lot of those services in the office under local anesthesia to the patients that wish to avoid the extra financial stress of a hospital environment. Having just two simple procedure rooms and a single endoscopy suite would allow us to expend services to the patients that require more than local anesthesia.

A newly developed combination of an office and surgical facility would increase patient traffic in the area and would generate more business for the area hospitals as well. Large numbers of the patients would still need

to be scheduled in the hospital setting due to their overall state of health and nature of illness.

I am planning to preserve my productive working relationship with the surrounding institutions, continue to take calls and conduct surgeries at their excellent surgical facilities.

Please be mindful of the fact that a predominant majority of my outpatient referrals are not generated by the hospitals or their employed physicians. A lot of the patients are self-referred due to the language and cultural preference. We also have a lot of business due to the word-of-mouth referrals. The vast majority of my patients come from various demographics and communities not traditionally serviced by the area hospitals.

Having another successful practice in the area is an additional benefit to the Village of Arlington Heights as well as to the neighboring hospitals. My goal is to foster productive working relationships in the health care community and to promote patients' health and satisfaction.

My business is a woman-owned, minority-representing surgical practice and it will certainly increase diversity in the community, along with providing a great financial impetus for future development.

Yelena Levitin, MD FACS

October 11, 2012

State of Illinois
Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson St.
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Project 12-076, Chicago Surgical Clinic Ltd., Arlington Height, IL.

Dear Sir,

I regard to the application of Chicago Surgical Clinic, I feel that it would be an honor in order to have their office open in the Arlington Heights location! All of the surgeons that currently work at the location in Wheeling follow the utmost care for their patients. I am one that has had seen them and have had to make last minute appointments and taken care of in extremely quick fashion. This is an organization that exemplifies what is expected in the health care industry.

As with the new location, and ability to perform the procedures at a reasonable cost to the patients, and the ability to perform after care for their patients with less bur curacy is a plus! With the insurance companies looking for lower cost as well as the patient looking for an economical alternative in order to receive the care that they may need, cost may be the difference between having the procedure performed with Chicago Surgical Clinic, or waiting until it is too late to have a procedure that has become more complicated and require hospitalization. As a patient, I myself shops around for the best price for the procedure, as well as whom I am comfortable with as a surgeon. When you are required to pay 20 to 30% of the procedure this can make a great difference, especially in the current economy. No think of an individual that does not have current insurance! This can really make a difference in the decision as to whether to have the needed procedure or not.

I am certain that most of the procedures that will be performed at their location will be from referrals or from their original location. The referrals as well as individuals that are looking for a great affordable service for their needs will find this organization a great alternative as well as service that they did not expect with the follow up that is provided from this organizations office staff as well as that care and follow up from the doctors that work under Dr. Levitin.

In closing, I feel that this office in the Arlington Heights area will not only solidify Arlington Heights with one of the top locations in the northwest suburbs a an area for heath care, but will also help the community economically with hiring employees in the community, as well as Arlington Heights with an added tax base that is looked for from all towns and villages. Allowing Chicago Surgical Clinic will only be a plus to this community!

Sincerely,



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State of IL Health Facilities & Services Review Board
524 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Public Hearing, Project 12-076, Chicago Surgical Clinic, Ltd., Arlington Hts

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board: I had planned to appear and testify at tomorrow's public hearing; however, some previously unforeseen professional responsibilities will preclude my participation in person. I have therefore requested that this testimony, written as an individual, be hand delivered, read and entered in the record for consideration by the board during your deliberations.

I am a physician who practiced 30+ years in Arlington Hts & Rolling Meadows until 2009. I served as a member of the legislative task force appointed in early nineties which recommended that ASTC's be allowed to operate in IL because we felt at the time that these centers will help decrease the rising cost of care and improve access. I have also previously served as member and President of the medical staff at Northwest Community Hospital, a member of the hospital board and Chair of the Family Medicine Dept. Additionally, I have previously served as Chair of the IL Medical Licensing Board, President of the Chicago Medical Society and President of the IL State Medical Society.

I believe very strongly that the surgeons affiliated with the Chicago Surgical Clinic Ltd. are highly qualified, experienced and a cut above average! I used to refer my sickest and most complex surgical patients to them while I was in practice. Their care has always been of the highest grade, cost-efficient, timely and produced great outcomes.

The proposed project at hand, which is awaiting your approval, will improve many patients' access to care and reduce costs of common outpatient surgical procedures by 50-60% while offering greater convenience, easy parking and personalized care, compared to the area hospitals. The community needs it! The fear that this project will compete and somehow reduce the bottom lines of those few institutions who feel threatened strikes to me as anti-competitive and Anti-American; the sickest patients needing hospitalization and more intensive services will continue to use area hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration. I remain available for your questions.

Sincerely,

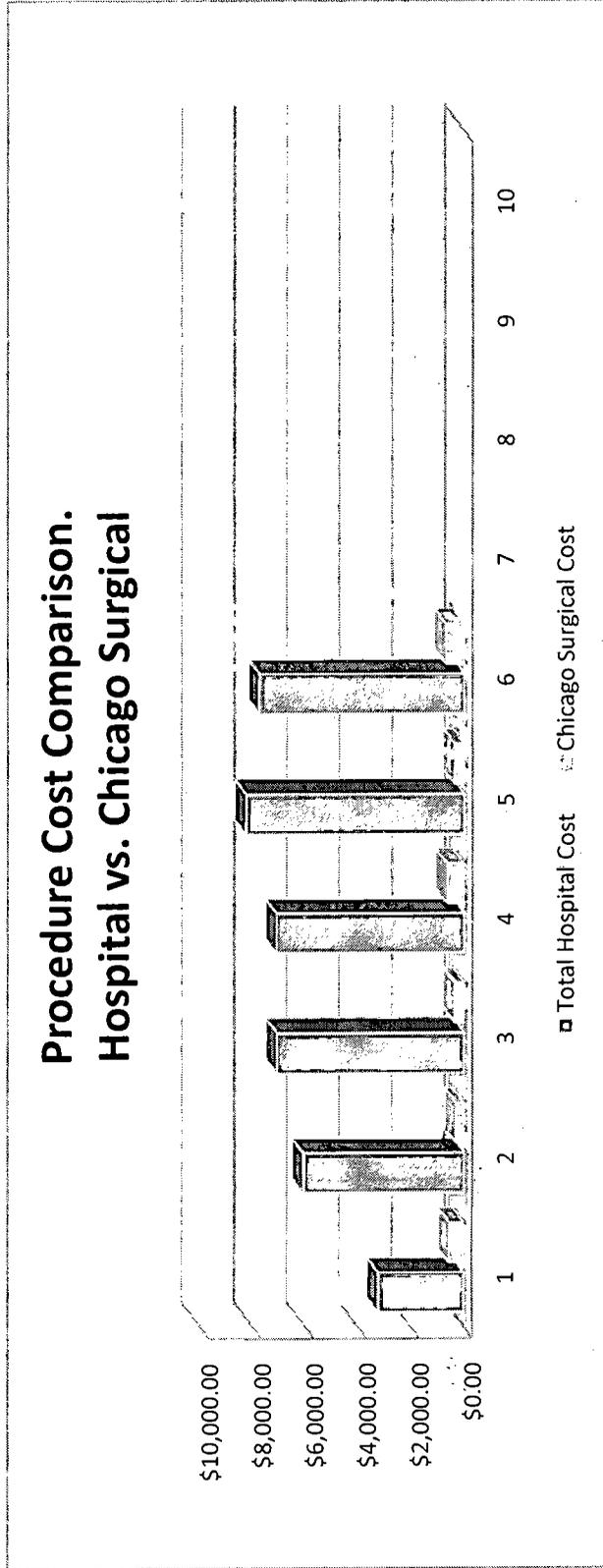
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**Patient Cost Comparison
Hospital vs. Chicago Surgical**

Line #	Patient	Procedure Code	Procedure Name	NorthShore			Patient Savings
				University Health System*	Estimated Doctor's Services	Total Hospital Cost	
1	Julie Y.	CPT 10022	Ultrasound guided thyroid biopsy	\$3,000.27	\$250.00	\$3,250.27	\$2,700.27
2	Julie Y.	CPT 11402	Arm lesion excision	\$5,867.79	\$250.00	\$6,117.79	\$5,817.79
3	Anatoly Y.	CPT 11442	Face lesion excision	\$6,761.62	\$350.00	\$7,111.62	\$6,761.62
4	PT1	CPT 19103	Vacuum assisted breast biopsy with image guidance	\$6,567.30	\$550.00	\$7,117.30	\$6,567.30
5	PT2	CPT 10081	Incision & Drainage of pilonidal cyst	\$8,045.22	\$250.00	\$8,295.22	\$6,567.30
6	PT3	CPT 46260	Hemorrhoidectomy complex	\$7,177.00	\$600.00	\$7,777.00	\$7,177.00

*NOTE 1: NCH prices are higher than NorthShore University. The price of Ultrasound guided thyroid biopsy at NCH is \$3,600 plus doctor's fees

*NOTE 2: Price - does not include doctors services as those are billed separately



TESTIMONY REGARDING PROJECT #12-026, CHICAGO SURGICAL CLINIC, LTD., ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

October 11, 2012

Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, and ____ (Participating Planning Board Member)_____.

My name is Nicolette Curth, from Presence Health (our new name resulting from the merger of Resurrection Health Care and Provena Health.)

I am here this morning, at the request of three of our hospital CEOs, from Holy Family Medical Center, Resurrection Medical Center and Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, as well as our ambulatory surgery center at Belmont and Harlem, to testify in opposition to the establishment of Chicago Surgical Clinic's proposed new ambulatory surgery center in Arlington Heights.

Presence Health did respond to the request for impact of this proposed ASTC on area surgical facilities, dated June 26, 2012. We responded that the facility WILL negatively impact our surgical volume, based on the current volume of surgery cases Dr. Levitin and her associates currently perform at our hospitals alone, not to mention additional procedures performed by any other surgeons who are recruited to utilize the proposed center. Indeed, the CON application requests a multi-specialty center with surgeons of every specialty except cardiovascular.

Upon reading the CON application another significant concern emerges. On the last page of the application, is a statement labeled Attachment 44, which is supposed to be the chart of amount and cost of charity care. Instead of that chart, the applicant provided the following statement, "The Chicago Surgical Clinic, LTD is an independent for profit surgical center and will not be a part of a charity care organization." Presence Health, on the other hand, does have a very generous charity care policy which includes all of our facilities. In addition, each of the surgeon members of our surgery center is required to perform at least three charity care cases at the center in each credentialing period.

In closing, each of our hospitals, as well as the surgery center has the capacity to perform all of the procedures planned for the proposed new center regardless of the patients' ability to pay. We at Presence Health are concerned that The Chicago Surgical Clinic, LTD will not serve the needs of its community and instead only serve as an additional profit center for its physician owner.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

CHICAGO SURGICAL CLINIC, LTD.

CHARITY CARE INFORMATION

The Chicago Surgical Clinic, Ltd. is an independent for profit surgical center and will not be a part of a charity care operation.