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Attached is applicant's response to the State Agency Report. The response relates primarily to material submitted Nov. 15 and to testimony at the Public Hearing. We apologize for the delay in submitting the material.

A safety net impact statement and charity care information are included in the material submitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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RESPONSE TO STATE AGENCY REPORT

CHICAGO SURGICAL CLINIC, LTD.

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Safety net impact statement/Charity Care

Applicant will improve safety net services by increasing access for patients needing charity care, Medicaid and reduced fee services.

The projected patient mix for the surgery center includes 7% Medicaid, 5% self-pay and 3% charity care. Those numbers far exceed those of the area surgery centers that oppose the project. Northwest Surgicare reports no charity care and no Medicaid. Sadly that is not uncommon for astcs. Northwest Community Day Surgery Center reports only 1.3% Medicaid and 1% charity care.

Public Hearing Testimony

Public testimony was overwhelmingly in support of the project. Supporters included doctors and dentists, patients and members of the Russian language press. The advantages of the project highlighted included:

- Language and cultural preference of Russian patients
- Need for reduced fee service
- Savings over area hospitals and surgery centers
- Charity care

Dr. Levitin, the owner of Chicago Surgical, testified about the need to help her patients who cannot afford to pay for surgical procedures at area facilities. She spoke of patients who come to her due to language and cultural preference. Public Hearing Transcript p.16.

Dr. Lev Elterman was only one of several doctors attending the hearing to support the project. He testified both as someone who has known Dr. Levitin for years and as a representative of the Chicago land Association of Russian speaking physicians. He praised her for treating patients he referred to her who did not have health insurance and could not afford to pay. Transcript p. 20.

The founder of a Russian language media group testified that there are 465,000 Russian speaking people. She also testified that patients without insurance are referred to Dr. Levitin. Transcript p.38

Patients praised Dr. Levitin and gave examples of how she went out of her way to help them.

Senator Carroll testified that Chicago Surgical charges would be only a fraction of the charges of area hospitals. He also testified that the colonoscopy charges at two area astcs were over 30% higher than those at Chicago Surgical. Transcript p 48.

Impact on Opponents

1. Northwest Community Hospital

Dale Beatty of Northwest Community Hospital testified that Chicago Surgical doctors performed only 290 procedures at the Hospital and its surgery center, Northwest Community Day Surgery. Public Hearing Transcript p.18. Northwest Community and its surgery center reported over 17,000 surgeries for 2011.

2. Presence Health

Presence Health's objection is primarily focused on Holy Family Medical Center which has not been an acute care hospital for years. It is a long term acute care hospital. In its letter Presence claimed 1000 procedures over an 18 month period from Chicago Surgical physicians at Presence Hospitals. Those hospitals reported over 13,000 surgeries for 2011.

3. Northwest Surgicare

Chicago Surgical doctors do not perform any surgeries at Northwest Surgicare. Northwest Surgicare reported not providing any charity care or treating Medicaid patients in 2011.

Contingency

A revised table of project costs and sources of funds was included in the November 15 submittal. The contingency was reduced to slightly less than 10%.

Project Completion Date

The project completion date was revised to December, 2014 on revised page 6.