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Mr. Galassie

I live in Monroe County and am a dialysis patient at the R.A. Clinic in Mission. I am writing this letter to you in hopes of getting a dialysis center in Waterloo.

This would make such a big difference in my life and that of my family. My family drives me to and from 3 times a week and they stay and wait because of the distance. I worry in the winter if I will get there.

It would give me such peace of mind to be able to stay in town. If not for me do it for the others with this disease. I don't know if I will live long enough to enjoy it but I do know others will.

Mopie Morrison

January 4, 2013

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

Re: #12-095, Fresenius Medical Care Waterloo

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Let me start by telling you about my mother. She is 81 years young and has had a very hard last 20 years. She has always dedicated her life to her husband and family, of 5 children. My father had a brain aneurysm which left him with stroke-like symptoms. She never hesitated to take him home and take care of him putting her own health second. After his passing she sold the farm and moved to town for a much less stressful life. Since moving to town she has suffered a 5 bypass heart surgery, knee replacement and now dialysis.

She controlled her kidney disease by diet for a long time but they were failing much to her dismay. She now has to get up at 5:00am three times a week and travel 30 minutes from her home one way and does not get back home until almost noon. This requires the assistance of a son or daughter because she does not drive outside of Waterloo city limits.

If you know anyone on dialysis you also know that it takes most of the rest of the day to regroup. They are worn out and do not basically enjoy life for the rest of the day. We had considered home dialysis but it was just not ~~frisable~~ feasible or a woman of her age.

I was fortunate enough to be able to quit my job in order to take care of my mother who has taken care of me. The point is having this facility in Waterloo would make it so much easier for my family and so many others

When I told her that there was a chance that Monroe County has started efforts to acquire a dialysis center she was really excited but said she hoped she lived long enough to see it, but if she didn't other people would sure use it.

I believe with all my heart that this center would be used to full capacity. Everywhere we go you find more and more people on dialysis.

Please consider all the families that you will be affecting with this decision.

Sincerely



Sandra Wittenauer