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

Re: Preferred SurgiCenter

Dear Mr. Galassie:

On behalf of NovaMed Surgery Center of Oak Lawn, LLC ("Oak Lawn ASC"), this letter serves to formally oppose the Certificate of Need application submitted by Naser Rustom, MD for a proposed facility (Preferred SurgiCenter) to be located at 10 Orland Square Drive, Orland Park, IL 60462 ("Orland Park ASC").

The proposed Orland Park ASC is located approximately ten miles from the Oak Lawn ASC. Given this close proximity, the proposed Orland Park ASC would be serving the same patient base as the existing Oak Lawn ASC. The Oak Lawn ASC is a four operating room facility and provides orthopedic, plastic, ophthalmic, urologic/gynecologic and pain management services to the surrounding community. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2012, there were 2,887 cases performed at the Oak Lawn ASC. This is well below its capacity and well below its historic performance. Therefore, we believe there is already excess capacity in the area and the approval of the Orland Park ASC application will result in an unnecessary duplication of services and facilities.

For these reasons, we oppose the CON application submitted by the Orland Park ASC and respectfully request that you consider the negative impact of this proposed project on the Oak Lawn ASC.

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 780-3224 if you should have any questions or need any further information.

Respectfully yours,

John W. Lawrence, Jr.
Senior Vice President

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