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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
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Ms. Courtney R. Avery
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review
Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Request for Expedited Review – TRC Children’s Dialysis Relocation

Dear Ms. Avery:

On behalf of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. and Total Renal Care, Inc. (collectively “DaVita”), we respectfully request the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (“HFSRB”) grant expedited review of the above-referenced TRC Children’s Dialysis application for certificate of need permit (the “CON Application”) and consider the CON Application at the August 13, 2013 HFSRB meeting.

In filing the CON Application, DaVita seeks authority from the HFSRB to relocate from a deteriorated physical plant to an updated building. Specifically, DaVita seeks to discontinue its existing 6-station dialysis facility at 2611 North Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois (the “Existing Facility”) and establish a new 8-station dialysis facility to be located at 1333 North Kingsbury Street, Chicago, Illinois (the “Replacement Facility”). As discussed throughout the Application, the Existing Facility is suboptimal for patients and staff and in need of repair. During heavy rainstorms, the ground water bubbles up from floor drains in the basement and treatment floor, which creates a safety hazard for patients, visitors and staff. The situation has now become more emergent as the heavy rains this spring caused substantial damage to the building. DaVita’s experts evaluated the building and found a potential for continued damage as the building is “wet.” Since the children who utilize the facility are mostly transplant candidates and immune-compromised, DaVita wants to relocate them quickly to appropriate space. While DaVita intends to transfer these patients to its Loop facility in the interim, an adult ESRD facility is not ideal. Children are physiologically different from adults and require specialized treatment and care. Care that can be best provided at a dedicated pediatric dialysis facility.

TRC Children’s Dialysis is the one of two outpatient dialysis facilities in Chicago solely dedicated to the pediatric ESRD population and serves children throughout the Chicagoland area.

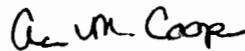
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The only other pediatric facility is Rush University Dialysis, which is affiliated with a different nephrology group and serves a separate patient base. The primary purpose of the CON Application is to maintain access to life sustaining dialysis to pediatric ESRD patients throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. The proposed site of the Replacement Facility is located near Interstate 90/94 and will be more convenient to pediatric patients and their families who reside within and outside the City of Chicago.

As noted in the Application, a site for the Replacement Facility has been selected. If the HFSRB approves the CON Application at the August 13, 2013 HFSRB meeting, DaVita would hope to have the Replacement Facility operational by June 30, 2014.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request for expedited review of the TRC Children's Dialysis CON Application. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely



Anne M. Cooper

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