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December 16, 2013

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**FEDERAL EXPRESS**

*13-070*

George Roate  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
Health Facilities and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

**Re: Belvidere Dialysis – Supplemental Information**

Dear Mr. Roate:

I am writing on behalf of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. and Dialysis of Northern Illinois, LLC. (collectively, the “Applicants”) to submit additional information for the Applicants’ certificate of need application to establish a 12-station dialysis facility in Belvidere, Illinois. For your review, I have attached the following documents:

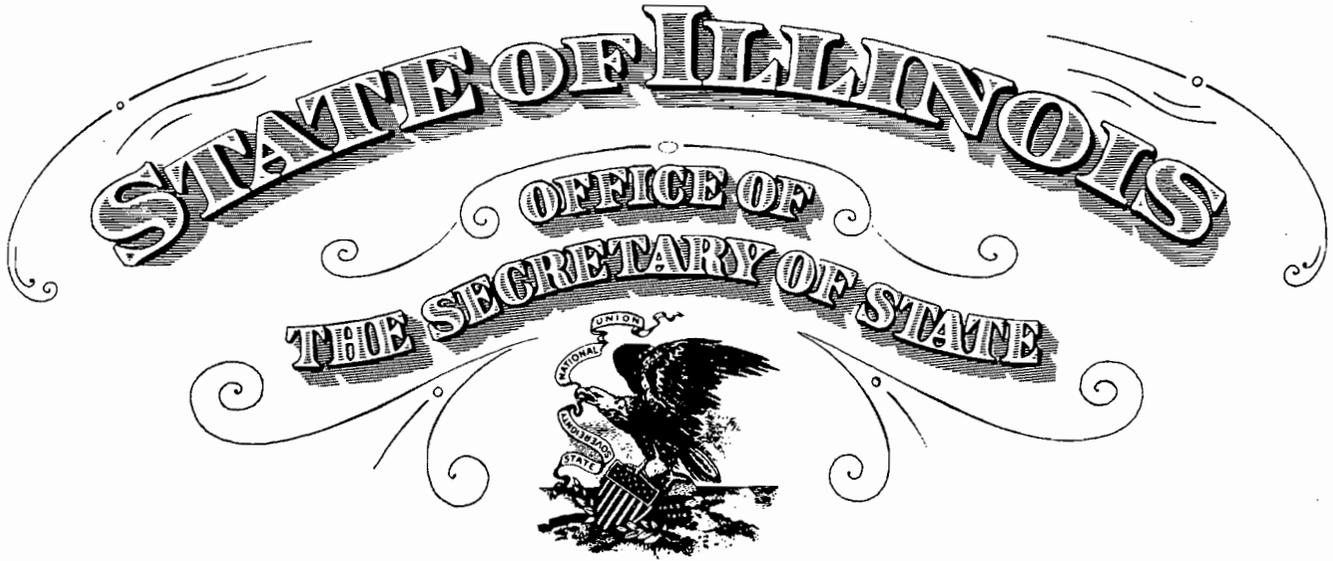
1. Certificate of Good Standing for Dialysis of Northern Illinois, LLC; and
2. Patient Transfer Agreement with Saint Anthony Medical Center;

Thank you for your time and consideration of our application for permit. If you have any questions or need any additional information to complete your review of the Applicants’ application for permit, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Cooper

Attachments



**To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:**

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that*

DIALYSIS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAVING OBTAINED ADMISSION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS ON AUGUST 14, 2003, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ADMITTED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



***In Testimony Whereof,*** I hereto set  
*my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of  
the State of Illinois, this 16TH  
day of DECEMBER A.D. 2013 .*

*Jesse White*

Authentication #: 1335002124

Authenticate at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>

SECRETARY OF STATE

**FOR COMPANY USE ONLY:  
Clinic #: 11112**

**PATIENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

This **PATIENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT** (the “Agreement”) is made as of the last date of execution of this Agreement (the “Effective Date”), by and between **OSF Healthcare System d/b/a St. Anthony Medical Center** (hereinafter “Hospital”) and **Total Renal Care, Inc.**, a subsidiary of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (“Company”).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to enter into this Agreement governing the transfer of patients between Hospital and the following free-standing dialysis clinic owned and operated by Company (the “Center”):

*Belvidere Dialysis  
1755 Beloit Rd.  
Belvidere, IL 61008*

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to enter into this Agreement in order to specify the rights and duties of each of the parties and to specify the procedure for ensuring the timely transfer of patients between the Hospital and the Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to facilitate the continuity of care and the timely transfer of patients and records between the Hospital and the Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties acknowledge that only a patient’s attending physician (not Company or the Hospital) can refer such patient to Company for dialysis treatments.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **HOSPITAL OBLIGATIONS.** In accordance with the policies and procedures as hereinafter provided, and upon the recommendation of an attending physician, a patient of Company may be transferred to Hospital.

(a) Hospital agrees to exercise its best efforts to provide for prompt admission of patients provided that all usual, reasonable conditions of admission are met. All transfers between the facilities shall be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, the standards of The Joint Commission (“TJC”) and any other applicable accrediting bodies, and reasonable policies and procedures of the facilities. Transfer record forms shall be completed in detail and signed by the physician or nurse in charge at Company and must accompany the patient to the receiving institution.

(b) Neither the decision to transfer a patient nor the decision to not accept a request to transfer a patient shall be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious or unreasonable

discrimination or based upon the patient's inability to pay for services rendered by either facility.

**2. COMPANY OBLIGATIONS.**

(a) Upon transfer of a patient to Hospital, Company agrees:

- i. That it shall transfer any needed personal effects of the patient, and information relating to the same, and shall be responsible therefor until signed for by a representative of Hospital;
- ii. Original medical records kept by each of the parties shall remain the property of that institution; and
- iii. That transfer procedures shall be made known to the patient care personnel of each of the parties.

(b) Company agrees to transmit with each patient at the time of transfer, or in case of an emergency, as promptly as possible thereafter, an abstract of pertinent medical and other records necessary to continue the patient's treatment without interruption and to provide identifying and other information, to include:

- i. current medical findings;
- ii. diagnosis;
- iii. rehabilitation potential;
- iv. discharge summary;
- v. a brief summary of the course of treatment followed;
- vi. nursing and dietary information;
- vii. ambulating status; and
- viii. administrative and pertinent social information.

(c) Company agrees to readmit to the Center patients who have been transferred to Hospital for medical care as clinic capacity allows. Hospital agrees to keep the administrator or designee of Company advised of the condition of the patients that will affect the anticipated date of transfer back to Company and to provide as much notice of the transfer date as possible. Company shall assign readmission priority for its patients who have been treated at Hospital and who are ready to transfer back to the Center.

**3. BILLING, PAYMENT, AND FEES.** Hospital and Company each shall be responsible for billing the appropriate payor for the services it provides, respectively,

hereunder. Company shall not act as guarantor for any charges incurred while the patient is a patient in Hospital.

4. **HIPAA.** Hospital and Company agree to comply with the patient privacy and security requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and attendant regulations at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, as amended by the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act and its implementing regulations, as may be modified or amended, including future issuance of regulations and guidance by HHS (collectively "HIPAA"), and any applicable state patient privacy and security laws. Hospital and Company acknowledge and agree that from time to time, HIPAA may require modification to this Agreement for compliance purposes. Hospital and Company each agrees to comply with requests by the other party hereto related to HIPAA.

5. **STATUS AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.** The parties acknowledge and agree that their relationship is solely that of independent contractors. Governing bodies of Hospital and Company shall have exclusive control of the policies, management, assets, and affairs of their respective facilities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as limiting the right of either to affiliate or contract with any other hospital or facility on either a limited or general basis while this Agreement is in effect. Neither party shall use the name of the other in any promotional or advertising material unless review and approval of the intended use shall be obtained from the party whose name is to be used and its legal counsel.

6. **INSURANCE.** Each party shall secure and maintain, or cause to be secured and maintained during the term of this Agreement, comprehensive general liability, property damage, and workers compensation insurance in amounts generally acceptable in the industry, and professional liability insurance providing minimum limits of liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in aggregate. Each party shall deliver to the other party certificate(s) of insurance evidencing such insurance coverage upon execution of this Agreement, and annually thereafter upon the request of the other party. Each party shall provide the other party with not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice of any change in or cancellation of any of such insurance policies. Said insurance shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

7. **INDEMNIFICATION.**

(a) **Hospital Indemnity.** Hospital hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Company and its shareholders, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents for, from and against any claim, loss, liability, cost and expense including, without limitation, costs of investigation and reasonable attorney's fees (collectively, "Loss"), directly or indirectly relating to, resulting from or arising out of any action or failure to act arising out of this Agreement by Hospital and its staff regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by Company or its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, successors and assigns. This indemnification provision shall not be effective

as to any Loss attributable exclusively to the negligence or willful act or omission of Company.

(b) Company Indemnity. Company hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Hospital and its shareholders, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents for, from and against any Loss directly or indirectly relating to, resulting from or arising out of any action or failure to act arising out of this Agreement by Company and its staff regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by or its officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees, successors and assigns. This indemnification provision shall not be effective as to any Loss attributable exclusively to the negligence or willful act or omission of Hospital.

(c) Survival. The indemnification obligations of the parties shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to any such expenses, costs, damages, claims and liabilities which arise out of or are attributable to the performance of this Agreement prior to its expiration or termination.

**8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**. Any dispute which may arise under this Agreement shall first be discussed directly with representatives of the departments of the parties that are directly involved. If the dispute cannot be resolved at this level, it shall be referred to administrative representatives of the parties for discussion and resolution.

(a) Informal Resolution. Should any dispute between the parties arise under this Agreement, written notice of such dispute shall be delivered from one party to the other party and thereafter, the parties, through appropriate representatives, shall first meet and attempt to resolve the dispute in face-to-face negotiations. This meeting shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date on which the written notice of such dispute is received by the other party.

(b) Resolution Through Mediation. If no resolution is reached through informal resolution, pursuant to Section 8(a) above, the parties shall, within forty-five (45) days of the first meeting referred to in Section 8(a) above, attempt to settle the dispute by formal mediation. If the parties cannot otherwise agree upon a mediator and the place of the mediation within such forty-five (45) day period, the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in the **State of Illinois** shall administer the mediation. Such mediation shall occur no later than ninety (90) days after the dispute arises. All findings of fact and results of such mediation shall be in written form prepared by such mediator and provided to each party to such mediation. In the event that the parties are unable to resolve the dispute through formal mediation pursuant to this Section 8(b), the parties shall be entitled to seek any and all available legal remedies.

**9. TERM AND TERMINATION**. This Agreement shall be effective for an initial period of one (1) year from the Effective Date and shall continue in effect indefinitely after such initial term, except that either party may terminate by giving at least sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other party of its intention to terminate this Agreement. If

this Agreement is terminated for any reason within one (1) year of the Effective Date of this Agreement, then the parties hereto shall not enter into a similar agreement with each other for the services covered hereunder before the first anniversary of the Effective Date. Termination shall be effective at the expiration of the sixty (60) day notice period. However, if either party shall have its license to operate its facility revoked by the State or become ineligible as a provider of service under Medicare or Medicaid laws, this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the date such revocation or ineligibility becomes effective.

**10. AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be modified or amended from time to time by mutual written agreement of the parties, signed by authorized representatives thereof, and any such modification or amendment shall be attached to and become part of this Agreement. No oral agreement or modification shall be binding unless reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

**11. ENFORCEABILITY/SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Agreement are severable. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provisions hereto in any jurisdiction shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other terms or provisions in that jurisdiction, or of this entire Agreement in any other jurisdiction.

**12. COMPLIANCE RELATED MATTERS.** The parties agree and certify that this Agreement is not intended to generate referrals for services or supplies for which payment maybe made in whole or in part under any federal health care program. The parties will comply with statutes, rules, and regulations as promulgated by federal and state regulatory agencies or legislative authorities having jurisdiction over the parties.

**13. EXCLUDED PROVIDER.** Each party represents that neither that party nor any entity owning or controlling that party has ever been excluded from any federal health care program including the Medicare/Medicaid program or from any state health care program. Each party further represents that it is eligible for Medicare/Medicaid participation. Each party agrees to disclose immediately any material federal, state, or local sanctions of any kind, imposed subsequent to the date of this Agreement, or any investigation which commences subsequent to the date of this Agreement, that would materially adversely impact Company's ability to perform its obligations hereunder.

**14. NOTICES.** All notices, requests, and other communications to any party hereto shall be in writing and shall be addressed to the receiving party's address set forth below or to any other address as a party may designate by notice hereunder, and shall either be (a) delivered by hand, (b) sent by recognized overnight courier, or (c) by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

If to Hospital:

OSF Healthcare System  
d/b/a St. Anthony Medical Center  
5666 E. State St.

Rockford, IL 61108  
Attention: Administrator

If to Company: Total Renal Care, Inc.  
C/o: DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.  
2000 16<sup>th</sup> St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80202  
Attention: Group General Counsel

With copies to: Belvidere Dialysis  
C/o: DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.  
1755 Beloit Rd.  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
Attention: Facility Administrator

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.  
2000 16<sup>th</sup> St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80202  
Attention: General Counsel

All notices, requests, and other communication hereunder shall be deemed effective (a) if by hand, at the time of the delivery thereof to the receiving party at the address of such party set forth above, (b) if sent by overnight courier, on the next business day following the day such notice is delivered to the courier service, or (c) if sent by certified mail, five (5) business days following the day such mailing is made.

15. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement shall not be assigned in whole or in part by either party hereto without the express written consent of the other party, except that Company may assign this Agreement to one of its affiliates or subsidiaries without the consent of Hospital.

16. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Copies of signatures sent by facsimile shall be deemed to be originals.

17. **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** All services provided by Hospital hereunder shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color religion, sex national origin, handicap, or veteran status.

18. **WAIVER.** The failure of any party to insist in any one or more instances upon performance of any terms or conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of future performance of any such term, covenant, or condition, and the obligations of such party with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.

19. **GOVERNING LAW.** The laws of the **State of Illinois** shall govern this Agreement.

20. **HEADINGS.** The headings appearing in this Agreement are for convenience and reference only, and are not intended to, and shall not, define or limit the scope of the provisions to which they relate.

21. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or written, between the parties (including, without limitation, any prior agreement between Hospital and Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates) with respect to the subject matter hereof.

22. **APPROVAL BY DAVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS INC. (“DAVITA”) AS TO FORM.** The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement shall take effect and be legally binding upon the parties only upon full execution hereof by the parties and upon approval by DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. as to the form hereof.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**Hospital:**

**Company:**

**OSF Healthcare System  
d/b/a St. Anthony Medical Center**

**Total Renal Care, Inc.**

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Paula Carynski  
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By: DocuSigned by:  
Mary J. Anderson  
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Name: Paula Carynski

Name: Mary J. Anderson

Its: President

Its: Divisional Vice President

Date: December 11, 2013

Date: December 11, 2013

**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:  
DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.**

By: DocuSigned by:  
Marcie Damisch  
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Name: Marcie Damisch

Its: Group General Counsel