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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson
Springfield, IL 62761

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Re: Project #14-066 Reallocation of beds to establish a 12-bed comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please convey my support to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for MacNeal Hospital's request for a Certificate of Need to establish a comprehensive physical rehabilitation unit at MacNeal Hospital.

I am a primary care physician in private practice at 6649 W. Archer Avenue in Chicago. I have been a member of the medical staff at MacNeal Hospital since 1990 and I have served as the Chairman of the Family Medicine Department since 2008.

MacNeal is the longstanding provider that my patients trust for their healthcare needs. Currently patients in need of rehabilitation must be transferred outside of MacNeal, which means I am unable to follow them. Additionally, when patients are transferred to outside facilities it can lead to confusion around their plan of care. Travel can also be a challenge and a burden on family members who serve as caregivers and play an active role in the patients recovery.

Having this additional level of care under one roof and much closer to home would be of great benefit to my patients and the community at large. In the name of patient quality and service, I urge you to approve this much needed rehabilitation unit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Levy MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

David Levy, MD

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I am a Psychiatrist who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation and have been on staff at MacNeal Hospital for 30 years. My practice is in the Berwyn community and I care for patients on MacNeal's sub-acute rehab unit.

The patients I care for are primarily elderly and live in MacNeal's primary service area. Often these patients and their family members, who serve as caregivers, are not able or not comfortable traveling out of the hospital. It also disrupts the continuity of care from the primary care physicians and subspecialists treating the patients. When we try to send patients to another inpatient rehab facility there is often resistance that creates additional strain on the patient's family. Being able to offer an inpatient rehabilitation option at MacNeal would be the best solution for my patients who rely on their community hospital for all of their medical care.

I am impressed with the high quality care my patients receive in the sub-acute rehab unit at MacNeal and encourage you to approve the certificate of need so they can have access to this additional and much needed level of care within their own community.

Sincerely,



Manjula Khandelwal, MD

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I am an Orthopedic Surgeon with Chicago Health Medical Group and my practice is in the LaGrange community. This is my 5th year as a member of the Medical Staff at MacNeal Hospital.

I provide general orthopedic services with a focus on total joint replacements and revisions. Rehabilitation services are an important part of my patients post-surgical care, whether recovering from a serious fracture or post joint replacement, some of my patients will require inpatient rehabilitation to maximize their independence and ensure they are able to perform their activities of daily living. At this time I have to inconvenience my patients and their families by transferring them to another facility to get the care they need, which adds another level of complexity for the patient and their family.

I fully support MacNeal's request to establish inpatient rehabilitation services to complete the next continuum of care and allow patients to stay within the facility and with the same team of caregivers.

Sincerely,



Thomas Smith, DO