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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator  
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson  
Springfield, IL 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &  
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Project 15-005  
Presence Lakeshore Gastroenterology  
Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Avery:

Presence Health has a rich history of providing quality care to the whole community. With this tradition in mind, Presence Holy Family Medical Center proposes to, through this Ambulatory Surgical Care (ASC) project, partner with physicians to offer a service we already provide, but in a more streamlined, efficient and cost effective manner. We believe that by transitioning endoscopies from a hospital setting to an outpatient setting, we are fulfilling our commitment to high-quality, lower-cost care.

As part of our mission, we provide the same care to all patients, regardless of their insurance status. I am told that many of the outpatient surgery centers in the Northwest Chicago region do not accept Medicaid patients or accept a very limited number, hindering access to care for these patients. Endoscopy is a screening procedure that may be put off when Medicaid patients face barriers to access, and this can lead to cancer being detected later than it might have been. This is obviously a tragedy for these individuals, and it can also lead to higher health care costs.

Presence Lakeshore Gastroenterology will provide care to patients with Medicaid with no limits or barriers to receiving quality care. We are partnering with Dr. Mani Mahdavian because of his long-standing commitment to serve all patients, regardless of their insurance status.

I ask that when you reconsider this project you reflect upon the fact that we are seeking to enhance care for the community, while lowering costs and increasing access of care for Medicaid and/or underinsured patients.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Clara Frances Kusek, C.R." with a small flourish at the end.

Sister Clara Frances Kusek, C.R.  
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As part of our mission, we provide the same care to all patients, regardless of their insurance status. I am told that many of the outpatient surgery centers in the Northwest Chicago region do not accept patients or accept a very limited number, hindering access to care for these patients. As endoscopy is a screening procedure Medicaid patients facing barriers to access may put it off, occasionally leading to cancer being detected later than it might have been. This is obviously a real tragedy for these individuals, and it also costs the health care system unnecessary dollars.

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I ask that when you reconsider this project that you reflect upon the fact that we seeking to enhance care for the community, while providing lower costs for the community and increase access of care for Medicaid and/or underinsured patients.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister M. Elizabeth Trembczynski, CSFN".

Sister M. Elizabeth Trembczynski, CSFN  
Sponsoring Member  
Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth