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RE: Application for Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital - Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Health Hospital in Des Plaines, IL

August 7, 2014

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Dear Ms. Olson:

This letter is in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis resulting in patients being held in emergency departments, traveling long distances, and being separated from their family support systems while in crisis.

Inpatient acute care has been missing for children and adolescents in northern Cook County for well over a decade in spite of continuously being identified as a critical area need.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's application for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital and thank you for your assistance in allowing us to continue to provide access to care for children and adolescents who need inpatient psychiatric care.

Sincerely,


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Re: Application for Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital - Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Ms. Olson:

I am writing this letter in support of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's Application for a Certificate of Exemption for the Change of Ownership in the Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital.

I recognize the need for inpatient acute care that focuses on children and adolescents who have suffered from acute trauma. A need also exists for young adults, adults and the senior population. Currently, it is a challenge for community mental health providers to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis. Most recently, I have learned that it is not uncommon for children, adolescents and young adults to be held in emergency departments of hospitals and sometimes even placed in out-of-state hospitals. This creates a difficult situation for the patients, their families and the community-based mental health providers who will offer a continuity of care once the patient is discharged.

The parent company of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, US HealthVest, has substantial experience in operating behavioral health hospitals and will continue serving the behavioral health needs of the community with a special emphasis on children and adolescents.

US HealthVest has indicated that if given the opportunity to operate the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois, it will continue Maryville's history of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. The individuals who make up US HealthVest have a long history of developing specialized programming for patient populations such as children suffering from complex trauma.

I urge you to support the approval of the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital's application for the Change of Ownership in the Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital. Thank you for your assistance in allowing for a continuity of access to care for children and adolescents who need inpatient psychiatric care.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Devine

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A great need continues for inpatient acute care that specializes for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge for community mental health providers to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis. Often times, the unavailability of an inpatient bed results in patients being held in emergency departments or being placed in out-of-state hospitals. This presents significant challenges for the young patients as well as their families. Providing the after care necessary is met with increased challenges because the out of state hospitals are not familiar with the communities and local resources where these patients will be reintegrated to.

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US HealthVest has indicated that if given the opportunity to operate the Chicago behavioral Health Hospital in Des Plaines, Illinois; they will continue Maryville's history of serving children, adolescents, and young adults who are involved with the child welfare system. They have a great knowledge clinically of children suffering from complex trauma, and desire to work collaboratively with community partners to provide state of the art inpatient psychiatric care. Should US HealthVest have the opportunity to serve as the Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital, it would be advantageous for the surrounding community and local mental health providers alike.

I urge you to support the approval of Chicago Behavioral Health Hospital application for the Change of Ownership for Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital and thank you for your assistance in allowing us to continue to provide access to care for children and adolescents who need inpatient psychiatric care.

Sincerely,

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Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital was slated to close earlier this year. The change of ownership will allow this needed facility to remain open. A great need continues for specialized inpatient acute care for children and adolescents. A need also exists for the adult and seniors population. Currently, it is a challenge to find an appropriate bed when a patient is in crisis resulting in patients being held in emergency departments, traveling long distances, and being separated from their family support systems while in crisis.

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