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RE: CN#699, PeaceHealth Riverbend, new acute rehabilitation hospital

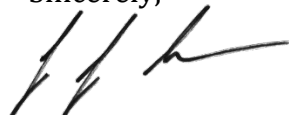
Dear Mr. Gilman:

The Slocum Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine offers advanced, highly specialized musculoskeletal care that is designed to help restore and enhance bone, muscle, and joint health. With nearly 30 board certified providers, we provide world-class care and an exceptional patient experience at our main campuses in Eugene and Springfield. Slocum considers all of the hospitals in Lane County to be our partners, and while many of our patients are athletes requiring sports medicine, the majority of our patients come to us in need of total joint replacement(s), including bilateral, or with fractures, traumatic injuries, degenerative joint disease or severe arthritis. Post a procedure, the majority of our patients need rehabilitation designed to build strength and endurance, restore functional mobility, and improve performance of daily activities.

For the majority of these patients' outpatient rehabilitation is appropriate. However, for some, such as those with a significant loss of function to two or more extremities, or those with major musculoskeletal trauma, or an autoimmune or related systemic condition, inpatient treatment is clinically indicated. It also assures a greater probability of restoration of function and return to independence.

This letter is to offer Slocum's full support for the establishment of the new PeaceHealth Riverbend, LLC inpatient rehabilitation facility. This facility will be state of the art and offer a superior care environment as well as a better patient and family experience. The need exists and the new rehabilitation facility will benefit our patients and the entire region.

Sincerely,



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