

COMMENT ON PROPOSED HOSPITALS

Name:

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Do you represent an organization? If yes, please specify:

No

Proposed hospital(s) that you would like to share comments. Please select all that apply:

Nobis Rehabilitation

Whether the proposed new hospitals are needed to provide timely access to care:

The financial impact of the new hospitals on existing hospitals that have emergency departments:

How new hospitals would affect the ability of existing hospitals to maintain staff:

The extent to which the new hospitals would provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients:

Please share other thoughts on the proposals including, but not limited to, views on new models of for-profit care in Minnesota:

I am concerned that Nobis intends only to serve our community for their inpatient rehabilitation needs. As a rehabilitation physician in the Twin Cities, this is very worrisome. Nobis does not intend to provide the less profitable services in the continuum such as acute hospital therapy and consults, outpatient hospital follow ups and other rehab outpatient care, community services and recreation, vocational rehab, and research. Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute (CKRI) and other rehabilitation organizations in Minnesota are

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committed to providing the continuum of services to all patients, not just the profitable parts. Additionally, I am concerned that Nobis will be inclined to choose the most profitable patients, leaving the uninsured and underinsured insured patients to the other inpatient rehab facilities. CKRI, Allina, and other health systems in the Twin Cities are committed to research and education. I see no intention by Nobis to contribute to research or education. If our current Twin Cities community of rehabilitation providers lose inpatient rehabilitation business to Nobis, the other rehabilitation organizations in the Twin Cities will lose money and be less able to provide the other essential rehabilitation services. This would be a detriment to our community as a whole, as Minnesota is known around the country for providing excellent rehabilitation care to all patients.