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Re: Regions Hospital - Expansion Request

Ms. Simon:

Emergency Physicians Professional Association ("EPPA") supports Regions Hospital's proposal to expand capacity for emergency medicine in the Twin Cities. In particular, we appreciate the hospital's efforts to add facilities for acute mental health, addiction, and psychiatric disorders.

For fifty years, EPPA has been part of Minnesota's emergency medicine community. We are fortunate to serve patients in collaboration with multiple health systems, including Allina Health, CentraCare Health, Fairview Health Services, and Park Nicollet's Methodist Hospital. EPPA also operates acute-care clinics called The Urgency Room. On every shift, our team members confront the challenges associated with limited capacity. When patient needs exceed available resources, the broader provider community comes together to find facilities with immediate availability. We believe that increased capacity at Regions Hospital will benefit patients and providers throughout the Twin Cities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Thomas, MD  
President & Chief Executive Officer