

Letters in Support of the Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for Demonstration Project - Vascular Access Ambulatory Surgery Centers for ESRD Patients

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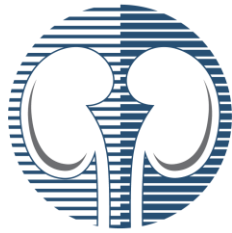
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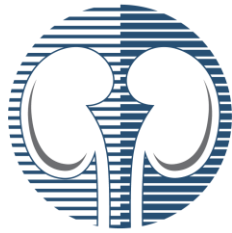
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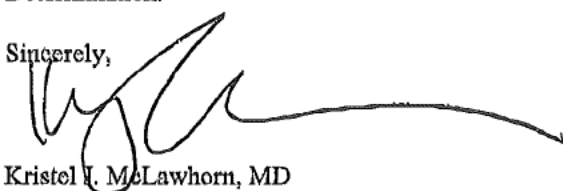
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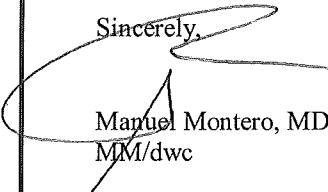
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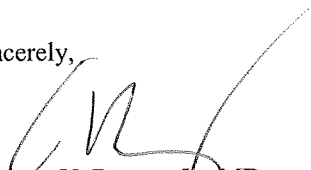
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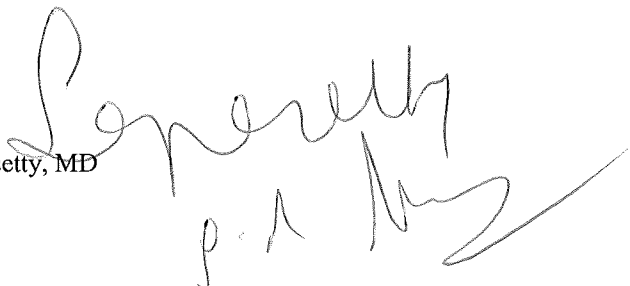
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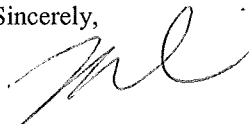
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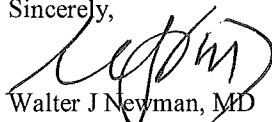
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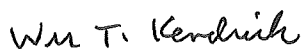
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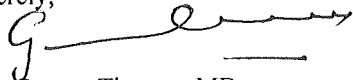
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August 9, 2017

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Re: Letter of Support for Petition for Adjusted Need Determination for the 2018 SMFP -
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Carolina Kidney Care, PA

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Date: July 31, 2017

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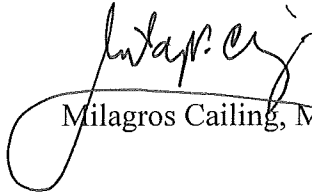
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Tariq Abo-Kamil, MD

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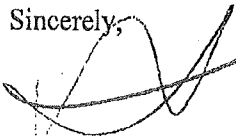
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