

From: [REDACTED], Gregory
To: [HealthCare](#)
Subject: letter of support Centurion purchase of Chartercare hospitals
Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 3:47:42 PM

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Dear Ms. Harvey

I am a practicing family physician in Warwick, and I am writing in support of the sale of the Chartercare hospitals to Centurion. I believe the hospitals provide much needed tertiary health care in our area and emergency room access as well. My patients get good care from the high quality specialist doctors as well as the medical residents. If these facilities are allowed to perish, I fear the local quality of care and efficiency will suffer.

It will be a plus to have these hospitals under stewardship through a non-profit organization with local control.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory [REDACTED] MD

Julie-Ann [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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February 21, 2024

Ms. Julia Harvey
Health Care Advocate
Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I am writing to you to express my support of the proposed sale of CharterCARE Health Partners to The Centurion Foundation, which is currently under state regulatory review.

I am an administrative manager at Roger Williams Medical Center with thirty years of service at this institution. I have seen many changes take place over the years, and I can say with confidence that I support the pending sale to Centurion and especially support our return to not-for-profit status. RWMC may not be a large medical center, however, it adequately serves the community it calls home, and this includes members of my family, my friends, and myself.

Our clinical staff is dedicated and caring, and they are essential to the local healthcare market and economy. Our administrative staff has worked tirelessly to keep CharterCARE a viable health care provider in Rhode Island, and their dedication is reflective of the importance of community hospitals such as RWMC and Our Lady Of Fatima Hospital.

It is my hope that you will support us in this endeavor.

Thank you.



From: [REDACTED] Julie
To: Fernanda.lopes@health.ri.gov; [HealthCare](#)
Subject: HCA application & sale of CharterCARE
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Dear Ms. Lopes,

I'm writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation.

I'm the senior business development director at Evergreen House Health Center and have worked with Fatima hospital and RWMC for 20+ years.

It's important that CharterCARE be allowed to return to nonprofit status. The Centurion Foundation will return these hospitals to not-for-profit, which is good for patients, staff and the community. They will maintain local leadership and control through a local board, invest in their programs/facilities and return jobs that have been outsourced regionally or to the corporate office.

Both of these smaller hospitals are much easier to access and welcome caring for their patients and community. CharterCARE hospitals are essential to the local healthcare market and economy.

I am proud of my association with these hospitals and look forward to an exciting future with the new ownership!

Thank you again for supporting this application.

Sincerely,

Julie [REDACTED]
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From: [ROBERT E \[REDACTED\] M.D.](#)
To: [HealthCare](#)
Subject: Chartercare Acquisition
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Dear Ms Harvey,

As the clinical leaders of our respective hospital medical staff, a membership that exceeds 700 physicians affiliated with CharterCARE Health Partners and who care for thousands of patients each year at Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, we write today with great urgency concerning the future of our two hospitals as they await the onset of regulatory review of the proposed sale of CharterCARE by Prospect Medical to The Centurion Foundation.

We are aware that regulatory review of the proposed sale under the terms of the Hospital Conversion Act cannot begin until the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Office of the Attorney General deem the application complete. Since the application was submitted in May, the transacting parties to the proposed sale have provided thousands of documents and answered hundreds of questions requested by these state agencies.

We do not pretend to possess the expertise to judge the application or its completeness. We can, however, testify to the vital role in Rhode Island's health care system played by Roger Williams and Fatima. And we can convey the urgency of beginning the HCA process as soon as possible.

We recognize that Prospect has made the decision to exit this market and sell CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation, and we support returning the hospitals to non-profit status.

For generations, our hospitals have served as the safety net for thousands of people who rely on Medicaid and Medicare for accessing high quality health services. This mission has never wavered. Without Roger Williams and Fatima and the services they provide, all facets of the state's health care system would face an existential crisis.

CharterCARE's hospitals are leading providers of behavioral health services...a clinical service area that is essential to the state's obligation to provide access to mental health care. Our two emergency departments treat more than 40,000 individuals each year. During the pandemic, we treated nearly 3,000 COVID parties. To this day, our hospitals remain busy, surgeries are robust, and patient care and safety remain a daily focus.

Beyond the above, our nationally recognized cancer center at Roger Williams helps patients and their families avoid travelling to Boston for cancer care. And our regionally-recognized rehabilitation and wound center centers provide specialty care to thousands of people each year.

In short, Rhode Island cannot do without Roger Williams and Fatima.

Yet the longer CharterCARE and its hospitals wait for the formal regulatory review to begin, and the hoped for transition to Centurion, the greater the risk is to our ability to provide services. The reasons are many...we have difficulty in attracting and retaining doctors, nurses,

and technicians while we operate under a cloud of uncertainty. And many doctors, nurses and other employees may find it necessary to evaluate their employment here.

By contrast, we welcome state leaders beginning to address the long-term health care planning in our state, particularly with a focus on the adequacy of commercial and governmental payments to hospitals, and we hope to be a part of that discussion as well. However, there is no doubt that beginning the official HCA review process now will ameliorate much of the uncertainty surrounding our system's future. The Centurion Foundation remains eager to complete its purchase and it possesses the financial strength and business acumen to assure a healthy future for CharterCARE.

These are challenging times in health care for all, but as clinical leaders, we remain fully committed to our mission of providing safe, high quality patient care and proud of the hundreds of physicians, nurses, and support staff across CharterCARE who share that promise and deliver exceptional services every day.

On behalf of our hospitals and system, and the thousands of patients they serve, we respectfully request that the HCA process begin. Time is critical. We remain confident that you will not let our communities down.

Dr. A. Robert [REDACTED]
Chair, Department of Surgery, Our Lady of Fatima Hospital

February 22, 2024

Julia Harvey, Health Care Advocate
Health Care Unit
RI Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence RI 02903

Dear Ms. Harvey

I'm writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation. I am an Administrative Assistant and have worked at Our Lady of Fatima for 45 years.

I have seen many changes throughout the years and becoming a for-profit hospital was by far the worst change possible. Our current owners have made it incredibly difficult to provide the care that our community hospital is used to providing. Returning to non-profit status will give the hospital many financial opportunities that are not currently available. In addition, Centurion Foundation would also like to be a part of and contribute to the community. It will also keep hospital control at the local level, which is not the current case. They will invest in our programs and facilities; they will return jobs that have been outsourced regionally or to the corporate office.

I have worked in Administration for 18 years and truly enjoy the people I work for and with each day. I have access to patients whether assisting patients and visitors that are lost or assisting in patient activities. The hospital environment is like a family. Many of us have grown up together and are proud of the work being done to provide the best care possible for our patients. The Centurion Foundation will enable the hospital to bring that mission forward and the hospital can continue to grow in a positive way.

The hospital has been very busy with surgeries and people who are truly very ill and need kind, compassionate care a smaller community hospital is able to provide. We offer programs for our community and for our state EMS staff keeping them up to date on the latest treatments. I receive many letters from patients who appreciate the care they have received. Our hospital is part of the Daisy Foundation, an organization where nurses are recognized for the outstanding care given to patients. I received many nominations monthly.

CharterCARE is easy to access with ample parking. The smaller size makes it easier for patient's and families to navigate, people would much rather like less of a wait for excellent care than to wait hours in an overcrowded emergency department, and the hospital tries to accommodate with liberal visiting hours as well. I am proud to be part of the CharterCARE family. It has been good for me over the past 45 years, and I feel in return I would like to give it the respect it deserves and looking forward to the positive changes coming in the future with the Centurion Foundation.

Thank you very much for supporting this application and for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,



Debra-Lynn [REDACTED]
Administrative Assistant
Administration
CharterCARE Our Lady of Fatima Hospital

From: [Thomas \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [HealthCare](#)
Subject: Charter CARE and Centurion Foundation
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:03:22 AM

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Julia Harvey, Health Care Advocate
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Dear Julia Harvey,

I'm writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation.

I'm a podiatrist and have worked at the wound center at Fatima hospital for 5 years. It is very important to me and ,more importantly, to my patients that CharterCARE be allowed to return to non-profit status.

The Centurion Foundation will return these hospitals to not-for-profit, which is good for patients, staff, and the community, they will maintain local leadership and control thru a local board, they will initiate much needed investment in our programs and facilities and they will return jobs that have been outsourced regionally or to the corporate office.

It is an absolute pleasure to work at Fatima Hospital wound recovery center. It is a place where we have very significant impacts on patients quality of life. The quality of care provided by all of the providers, nurses and staff is exceptional there. Hospital is committed to providing quality care and safety for all of our patients. The services that the wound center provides are an integral part of the general medical community and provide a critical level of care for a substantial patient population in need.

The Wound center is a busy place where patients are treated well with state-of-the-art care and where patients appreciate what we do for them. The hospital is easy to access especially for our patients,who often have difficulty ambulating.

Fatima Hospital is smaller than others but it is an essential aspect of the regional healthcare market and economy.

I am truly proud of the work that I do at Fatima Hospital, I am proud of the team that I work with, it has been a pleasure to be associated with this great institution. I look forward to working with the new ownership, and I look forward to the future of Fatima Hospital, the wound center, and myself.

Thank you for supporting this application,

Dr. Thomas [REDACTED]

Board-certified wound specialist

Fatima Hospital-a CharterCARE Hospital

From: [Michelle \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [HealthCare](#)
Cc: [Vijay Sudheendra](#)
Subject: Support the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 8:01:04 AM
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Message sent by Michelle Barresi on behalf of Vijay Sudheendra, MD, President of Narragansett Bay Anesthesia, LLC

Dear Julia Harvey,

Attached is a letter of support for the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation. If you have any comments or questions please reach me at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day.
Vijay [REDACTED] MD

Thank You,
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February 22, 2024

Julia Harvey
Health Care Advocate Health Care Unit
RI Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
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Agenda: Support the HCA application and sale of Charter CARE to The Centurion Foundation

Dear Julia Harvey,

My name is Vijay [REDACTED] MD, and I am the president of Narragansett Bay Anesthesia, LLC (NBA), a private anesthesia group practicing for the last twenty years in RI, MA, and NH. I have worked at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Medical Center for 10 years, and 35% of the group works in these two hospitals. Furthermore, we have a school of nurse anesthesia- St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nurse anesthesia (SJHSNA), based out of OLF and the school is over thirty years of training and employs several cRNAs- Certified registered nurse anesthetists.

We at NBA believe the Centurion Foundation will return these hospitals to not-for-profit, which is good for patients, staff, and the community. They will maintain local leadership and control through a local board. They will invest in our programs and facilities and will return jobs that have been outsourced regionally or to the corporate office.

Our surgeries are growing, and the department of anesthesia, both at OLF and RWMC, is working very hard to provide quality care while adding value and efficiency. The hospital system is easy to access, and is smaller than others, but it welcomes patients and the community regardless of their affordability.

Needless to say, the CharterCARE hospitals are essential to the local healthcare market and economy. I am looking forward to new owners and an exciting future.

Sincerely,

Vijay [REDACTED] MD
President
Narragansett Bay Anesthesia, LLC

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February 23, 2024

Ms. Julia Harvey
Health Care Advocate
Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I am writing to you to express my support of the proposed sale of CharterCARE Health Partners to The Centurion Foundation, which is currently under state regulatory review.

I am a Surgical Coordinator who works for the Surgical Oncologist at the Cancer Center here at Roger Williams Medical Center. I am celebrating my 20th year here at this institution. I have seen many changes take place over the years, and I can say with confidence that I support the pending sale to Centurion and especially support our return to not-for-profit status. RWMC may not be a large medical center, however, it adequately serves the community it calls home, and this includes members of my family, my friends, and myself.

Our clinical staff is dedicated and caring, and they are essential to the local healthcare market and economy. Our administrative staff has worked tirelessly to keep CharterCARE a viable health care provider in Rhode Island, and their dedication is reflective of the importance of community hospitals such as RWMC and Our Lady Of Fatima Hospital.

It is my hope that you will support us in this endeavor.

Thank you.

Deborah O'Brien

Deborah [REDACTED]
Department of Surgical Oncology



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February 25, 2024

Ms. Julia Harvey
Health Care Advocate | Health Care Unit
State of Rhode Island
Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main St.
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I am writing today to support the application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation.

As a former board member of Roger Williams Medical Center (RWMC), I am acutely aware of many of the problems and issues facing smaller community hospitals like RWMC and Fatima Hospital. From significant shortages at all levels of their workforce to supply chain issues, low reimbursements for medical procedures, and much more, hospitals such as these face a continuing uphill climb to remain viable and available to patients and their families.

I firmly believe that both the hospitals and their respective patients and staff will benefit from a return to not-for-profit status, and I am pleased that the proposal by the Centurion Foundation will allow them to do so. I am also supportive of the Foundation's plan to have each hospital run by local leadership and controlled by a local board of trustees. Further, I feel that the Centurion Foundation is better situated to invest in hospital staff, programs, and facilities in a manner that simply is not possible under the present arrangement.

I believe this purchase would bolster each hospital's workforce by bringing back jobs that heretofore have either been outsourced or which are now situated in CharterCARE's corporate offices.

Finally, I believe these two hospitals are essential components of Rhode Island's healthcare system, and each is a valuable contributor to the local healthcare market and the Rhode Island

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economy as a whole. They deserve an owner who is willing to invest in their future and in their ability to provide the best possible healthcare and customer service to the patients and families they serve.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this proposed merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Sicard, O.P.".

Fr. Kenneth R. Sicard, O.P.
President



February 26, 2024

John A. [REDACTED] MD
Chairman, Department of Medicine
Roger Williams Medical Center
825 Chalkstone Avenue
Providence, R.I. 02908

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter in strong support of Chartercare's application for a Change in Effective Control for Roger Williams Medical Center (RWMC) to return to a not-for-profit provider with local leadership and control through a board of community members. I firmly believe that this change would substantially enhance RWMC's mission to provide quality care to residents of our state; and, in particular, enhance its ability to pursue its academic mission through grant-funded projects in research and education.

As you know, we have previously worked with RWMC for over 25 years through the Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center (RIGEC) at the University of Rhode Island (URI), of which I am the Director. RIGEC is federally funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a consortium of academic, clinical, and community-based partners providing interprofessional geriatrics education and training to prepare healthcare and human service professionals, faculty, students, and caregivers to better meet the physical, functional, and psychosocial needs of older adults. RIGEC's current goal is to improve health outcomes for older adults by integrating Age- and Dementia-Friendly geriatrics education into care delivery systems and engaging patients, families, and caregivers in these efforts.

By the year 2025, Rhode Island will be a "super aging" state, with 20% of its population 65+. Moreover, it currently ranks 4th in the US with the percentage of its population aged 85+; these older adults are often most in need of interprofessional care to meet their multiple chronic and complex health problems. In addition, the number of Rhode Islanders 65+ with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias continues to grow, impacting the public health system. Our ability to partner previously with RWMC on our HRSA workforce development grants created a strong partnership to improve care for the older adults in our state through the development of provider education and training.

A return of RWMC to a not-for-profit status would reconnect it to the academic community and its mission to engage in education, research, and outreach to strengthen the health status of Rhode Islanders. In particular, it would reinstate its statewide leadership in geriatric care by partnering with academic health professions educational programs, other healthcare organizations and systems, and community-based organizations united in the shared mission of improving the care received by older adults in our state.

Sincerely,

Phillip G. [REDACTED], ScD
Professor and Director

cc: J. Harvey
F. Lopes

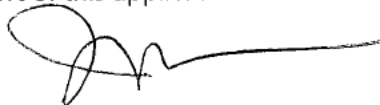
Julia Harvey, Health Care Advocate
Health Care Unit
RI Office of the Attorney General
150 South main Street
Providence RI 02903

Ms. Harvey,

I am writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation. I am a Nurse Practitioner and have worked at Fatima and Roger Williams hospitals for the past 2 1/2 years. I have previously been affiliated with LifeSpan hospitals. I feel that it is very important that CharterCARE be allowed to return to nonprofit status. The Centurion Foundation will return these hospitals to not-for-profit, which is good for patients, staff, and the community. The local leadership will have control thru a local board and they will invest in our programs and facilities. This is critical to patient care. They will also focus on returning jobs that have been outsourced regionally or to the corporate office. Working for this practice will allow me to provide patient centered, compassionate care to my patients. My patients are cared for in an expeditious fashion and many have followed me from LifeSpan to this practice for the excellent care they receive. In this system, I am able to focus on quality, the hospital's commitment to care and safety, and placing patients first. Both Fatima and Roger Williams Hospital have been very busy and my department, Urology, is extremely busy caring for patients not only from these facilities, but also other hospitals throughout the state. Fatima and Roger Williams are easy to access, are smaller than others but welcomes patients and the community. Patients are treated like people, not numbers. I am very proud of my work and association with these hospitals and I am looking forward to new owners and an exciting future.

Thank you for your support of this application.

Jo-Ann M. [REDACTED]



Jo-Ann M. [REDACTED] DNP, APRN, ANP-C, CUNP
Certified Urology Nurse Practitioner

From: [Anthony \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [HealthCare; JuliaHarvey@riag.ri.gov](#)
Subject: Sale of CharterCare to Centurion. Request for expedited approval.
Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:31:42 PM

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I am a Thoracic and CardioVascular surgeon who came to Rhode Island in [REDACTED], as Cardiac Surgeon-in-Chief at the Miriam Hospital, and Professor of Surgery at Brown Medical School. I joined the Medical Staff at Roger Williams Medical Center in [REDACTED]. I was the Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the Providence VA until [REDACTED]. After Dr. Thomas Ng moved to Memphis, all thoracic surgical patients at the VA are now being transferred to the West Roxbury VA. I was also Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Memorial Hospital (now closed). So there is a long history of more limited access to medical care in Rhode Island.

The Cardiac Surgery program at the Miriam was consolidated with Rhode Island Hospital by LifeSpan; and despite being the flagship program of the Miriam Hospital, it was closed. I have always felt that was a mistake. Again limiting access to care to a single site, it resulted in many patients seeking their cardiac care in Boston or Worcester.

For many years, **Roger Williams** was the only Cancer Center in Rhode Island recognized by the American Cancer Institute. And it continues to be a center of excellence for cancer care. Its **Surgical Oncology Fellowship (Cancer Surgery) is the only one in Rhode Island and only one of 34 approved fellowships in the entire US** (there are only an additional 5 in Canada). Now an affiliate of Boston University Medical School, Roger Williams continues to do important research, receive millions in research grants, and publishes important contributions to the medical literature. Its faculty lectures all over the world, bringing international recognition to Rhode Island. It is also the site of many other training programs (the **Internal Medicine residents have a 100% first-time pass rate for their Boards for the past 3 years**, and they won the national residents' Medical Jeopardy/College Bowl !). Dermatology, Rheumatology, Mohs Surgery, Hematology-Oncology, Podiatry, Geriatrics, and so many other fellowships are also here. BU Medical Students and PA students from multiple training programs do their clinical rotations here. MOST importantly, **many of these graduates stay to practice in Rhode Island**, where we have such an acute shortage of physicians and primary care physicians in particular.

CharterCare is therefore essential to continuing to provide local access to quality medical care, while providing high-quality employment for thousands. **I write to request your support and help in expediting approval of the sale of CharterCare to nonprofit Centurion Systems**, which will keep funds and

governance locally for re-investment in CharterCare hospitals, clinics and programs. One needs only to look at the situation of Stewart Health in Massachusetts to see the dangers of leaving them in the hands of an out-of-state for-profit system.

Thank you for your attention and anticipated help. Certainly I would be glad to be available for any further discussion of these issues.

Yours truly,

Anthony L. [REDACTED], M.D.

From: alex [REDACTED]
To: Fernanda.lopes@health.ri.gov; HealthCare
Subject: Chartercare sales to Centurion
Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:48:20 PM

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Dear RI state officials,

My name is Alex [REDACTED], and I am a physician with certification with both internal medicine and addiction medicine. I serve as the medical director for addiction Medicine at Roger Williams Medical Center. My residency training happened at Roger Williams Medical Center where after doing an additional year as the chief medical resident, I remained as an attending physician at that facility. In total I am entering my twenty fourth year as a member of the RI medical community both as a resident and attending physician as well as being amongst those physicians who have come to make Roger Williams Medical Center and subsequently Chartercare part of their identity. It is not arguable that the current state of affairs in health care in our state is not sustainable. The past few years have been a slow descent toward near abysmal conditions that only added to the unforeseen emotional and physical stress brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. The expanding cynicism brought by emotional fatigue and compounded by imposed unrelentless demands for more profits have not only tinted our relationships with patients but also engendered lot of self-doubts in the achievement of our mission suffering of an already fading nobility. I do not know much about Centurion, but I have been told that they will turn us into a nonprofit organization once more. I don't know much about hospital administration, but I am willing to bet that the Centurion commitment, if kept, to return control to a local non-micromanaged administration will improve our efficiency and strengthen community faith in our work. I know from experience that both staff and patient were more satisfied when our institutions were nonprofit. To me the bottom line is that we need a lifeline yesterday. Please, do not let us turn into relics of the past.

Alex [REDACTED], MD
[REDACTED]

Julia Harvey, Health Care Advocate
Health Care Unit
RI office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
Ms Harvey:

We are writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation. We are the Co-Medical Directors of the Chartercare Comprehensive Wound Care Center Located at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital. Since its inception we offered unique care to patients that they could not get anywhere else in the state. Today we are the busiest Wound Care Center in Southern New England seeing hundreds of patients weekly. Our outcomes are exceptional, patient satisfaction remains high and staff turnover has remained low. In addition to the high quality wound care patients receive we were the first medical facility to offer Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in R.I., and we still offer multiple indications for this unique treatment which has greatly benefited thousands of patients over the years.

Given all the issues the "for profit" company has bestowed us with, not to mention all the negative press that has plagued us the last six months, we are all anxious to return to a "not for profit" system which we all have experience with and believe is a better healthcare system.

Combined the three of us have well over 100 years experience at both the Roger Williams and Fatima campuses. It seems inconceivable the strain that would be placed on the healthcare system should the Chartercare system cease to exist. We firmly believe returning our status to "not for profit" would not only benefit the medical facilities but more so the communities these facilities have served for many years. We strongly urge you to approve the sale of the Chartercare system to the Centurion Foundation.

Sincerely

Andrew [REDACTED] DPM

Gerald [REDACTED] MD

Philip W. [REDACTED] PAC

From: [james \[REDACTED\].md](#)
To: [HealthCare](#)
Subject: Support for Charter Care sale
Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024 8:16:34 AM

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Dear Ms. Harvey,

I'm writing to share my support for the proposed sale and associated HCA application of CharterCare to The Centurian Foundation. As a community based solo primary care physician (not hospital employed) who has been on staff at both hospitals for over 30 years (and my father and uncle for 30 years before that) I can't stress enough how valuable they are to the community.

Many of my patients entire care teams are based there. Their surgical oncology team is second to none and more importantly, as with all affiliated subspecialist's, easily accessible from both a patient and provider standpoint. A common feeling among my patients is that it's a much more personal experience vs. other SOC's. They feel they're "not a number" as one patient put it.

The oncology teams are frequently involved in studies, one such in the past being CAR-T cell immuno therapy. I referred a 54 yo male with stage 4 pancreatic cancer there after he was told by Dana Farber and Lifespan he had less than 6 months to live and to get his affairs in order. He received CAR-T therapy and he survived for 3 high functioning years. An outlier? Anecdotal? Perhaps but not to him or his family. And it was simply a phone call away.

As SOC's consolidate and become increasingly complex from a patient (and provider) point of view, the importance of logistical simplicity and a quality outcome, community hospital experience cannot be overstated.


I'm confident I'm not alone in this viewpoint and hopeful that this sale will move forward.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like further input.

Sincerely,

Jamie K. [REDACTED] M.D.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

<u>CharterCARE Health Partners</u>	 CharterCARE HEALTH PARTNERS
Coverage: Roger Williams Medical Center Our Lady of Fatima	

3/8/2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation.

I have been a manager at CharterCARE for 4 years. For a portion of that time, I did work in a regional role for Prospect Medical Holdings but have recently returned to work for CharterCARE at the local level. It is crucial that CharterCARE return to nonprofit status and maintain leadership and control at the local level. The sale to The Centurion Foundation will do this; this will make a positive impact on staff, patients, and the community. I do love my current job, and look forward to this sale, and all the positive impacts in returning to nonprofit status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Amy Floyd RN BSN

Amy F [REDACTED], RN, BSN
Manager, Appeals & Informatics
CharterCARE Health Partners
[REDACTED]

F: 401-456-4880



March 8, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the HCA application and sale of CharterCARE to The Centurion Foundation.

I began my employment with CharterCARE Health Partners in March of [REDACTED] as a Regional Clinical Appeals author and transitioned into the local level in the role of Manager of Case Management at Roger Williams Medical Center in January of [REDACTED]. Over that time, my team has faced several challenges working in a for-profit environment. I feel that it is the utmost importance for our staff, community and most importantly our patients, that CharterCARE Health Partners be allowed to return to nonprofit status under The Centurion Foundation. Centurion will maintain local leadership and control through a local board, return jobs to the state of Rhode Island that were outsourced to the regional or corporate level and invest in CharterCARE Health Partners facilities and programs.

The Case Management team here at CCHP/Roger Williams Medical Center is very important to me. We strive every day to provide a positive impact on our patient population. It is crucial that we be allowed to continue to focus on quality as well as commitment to care and safety under The Centurion Foundation. Roger Williams Medical Center may be smaller than some other hospitals within the state but we provide easy access and welcome patients and the community to our facility. CharterCARE hospitals are essential to the economy and health care market in the state of Rhode Island.

I am proud of the work our team does on behalf of Roger Williams Medical Center. I look forward to the sale of CharterCARE Health Partners to The Centurion Foundation. I feel that new ownership under Centurion will lead to an exciting future for our patients, staff and the community.

I thank you very much for supporting this application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David [REDACTED] RN, BSN, CCM".

David [REDACTED] RN, BSN, CCM

Roger Williams Medical Center Manager of Case Management

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