

Massachusetts Department of Public Health
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To Whom It May Concern,

8/21/18

I am a primary care physician practicing in Reading, MA, and am writing this letter in support of the proposed ambulatory surgery center at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford.

In caring for my patients, I am always interested in referrals to physicians who place a high priority on excellent and cost efficient care. Practicing today, physicians must be cost aware as the total medical expenditure can't keep rising without thoughtful testing and referrals. Additionally, referring patients to large, expensive academic medical centers in Boston for their care can cause undue stress to patients and their families. Having a safe, new, cost-efficient option for outpatient and day surgery procedures so close to home would be the ideal option for my patients.

There are no similar facilities in the region that offer the modern, convenient and cost-efficient services that this ambulatory surgery center will provide, thereby filling a needed gap in local health care delivery.

I ask for your support and approval of this important project.



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