

**Long-Term Behavioral Health Committee
Agency Report
Adjusted Need Petition
Adult Care Home Beds in Halifax County
Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan**

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Request:

The petition requests a special need adjustment to the *Proposed 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan* for a midsized Adult Care Home Facility in Halifax County, specifically Enfield, NC.

Background Information:

Chapter Two of the State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) allows “[p]eople who believe that unique or special attributes of a particular geographic area or institution give rise to resource requirements that differ from those provided by application of the standard planning procedures and policies may submit a written petition requesting an adjustment be made to the need determination given in the North Carolina Proposed State Medical Facilities Plan.”

The Adult Care Home (ACH) bed need is determined by calculating the statewide five-year average use rate per 1,000 population for each of five age groups based on data from annual license renewal applications. These use rates, or beds per 1,000 population, are applied to the projected population going forward three years for each service area in North Carolina. The amount of need per service area is then established based on the size of the service area’s projected surplus or deficit when the projected utilization is compared to the inventory of existing and approved beds and ACH beds in the service area have reached a minimum average occupancy threshold of 85%.

Analysis/Implications:

The petition presents two primary reasons to support the licensing of additional ACH beds in Halifax County:

- (1) Residents would like to place their family members in a facility which allows for easy access.
- (2) Residents are placing their loved ones outside of Halifax County.

The ACH License Renewal Application (LRA) does not collect data on patient origin. Thus, the out migration of patients from Halifax County is difficult to measure by the Agency.

Currently, there are four facilities serving Halifax County. Applying the standard methodology to Halifax’s County’s inventory of ACH beds results in an 18 bed deficit and a Deficit Index for this county of -8.07%. A minimum of a 10% deficit is required for the methodology to produce a bed need in the service area. Halifax County’s Deficit Index calculation of -8.07% is 1.93% percentage points lower. Furthermore, Table 1 demonstrates the overall current occupancy rate of Halifax County is 64.8%, well below the required 85% as outlined in the need methodology.

Table 1: Halifax County Occupancy Rates for Adult Care Homes, 2014			
Facility	Residents	Licensed Capacity	Occupancy Rate
Carolina Rest Home	39	40	97.5%
Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Halifax County	8	25	32.0%
Our Community Hospital	2	20	10.0%
Woodhaven Rest Home #2	45	60	75.0%
Totals	94	145	64.8%

Source: NC Proposed 2016 SMFP; 2015 ACH and Nursing Home License Renewal Applications.

Agency Recommendation:

The petition requests an adjusted need determination for a midsized Adult Care Home Facility in Halifax County in the *Proposed 2016 SMFP*. This petition does not outline a specific number of beds for Halifax County, making it difficult to assess the proposal. However, the agency supports the state health planning process identified in the Proposed 2016 SMFP and approved by the Governor. The standard methodology has identified that there is no need for new ACH beds in Halifax County. A review of data and utilization specific to Halifax County, shows that applying the standard methodology does not generate a need for ACH beds. Given available information and comments submitted by the August 14, 2015 deadline, and in consideration of factors discussed above, the agency recommends denying this petition to add a midsized Adult Care Home to Halifax County.