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Ref: Hospice of the Piedmont petition to add 6 hospice inpatient
beds in Guilford County

Dear Dr. Pulliam

I am writing this letter in strong support for Hospice of the Piedmont's special need petition to include 6 hospice inpatient beds for Guilford County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan. The approval of this petition would allow Hospice of the Piedmont to submit a Certificate of Need application for the six additional beds.

As a referring physician I am aware that Hospice of the Piedmont's facility-Hospice Home at High Point-already operates and full capacity and frequently has a waiting list. In the past year I have referred patients to hospice and some of them had to wait for a room at Hospice Home at High Point. There is no better alternative for care at the end of life than to have hospice care. Their holistic, interdisciplinary approach is uniquely able to address the multi-dimensional aspects of living at the end of your life including the physical, emotional, practical and spiritual needs of patients and their families. Clearly additional beds are needed to meet the current and growing demand for hospice inpatient beds for Guilford County residents.

Hospice of the Piedmont has the reputation of providing exceptional end-of-life care to patients and their families at home, in nursing homes and through the inpatient and residential programs at Hospice Home at High Point. Our practice has had an excellent working relationship with Hospice of the Piedmont for 20+ years. We fully support the addition of six inpatient beds to Hospice Home at High Point.

Sincerely