

RECEIVED

By Kelli Fisk at 4:59 pm, Mar 23, 2011

March 23, 2011

State Health Coordinating Council
Acute Care Services Committee
North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation ☐
Medical Facilities Planning Section ☐
2714 Mail Service Center ☐
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Re: Comments about Acute Care Services related petitions.

Dear Dr. Greene and Members of the Committee:

Two of the petitions submitted to the State Health Coordinating Council this year are related to Policy AC-3. The policy pertains specifically to hospitals, but also has the potential for state-wide impact on other services. NCHA is very interested in providing comments to the Council on this Policy.

At its recent meeting, the NCHA Board of Trustees established a committee of its members from both Academic and non-Academic Medical Centers to recommend improvements to Policy AC-3 of the State Medical Facilities Plan. The Committee will promptly begin deliberations, and we expect the NCHA Board to issue final recommendations at its May 19 meeting, in order to provide them to the Council before its May 25 meeting.

We are hopeful that the Acute Care Committee will structure its decision-making to allow for consideration of NCHA's input into the improvement of Policy AC-3, and we thank you for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Vicario
NCHA Vice-President of Regulatory Affairs