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Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer
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Re: Acute Care Bed Need Determination in Mecklenburg County

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer:

This letter is to acknowledge that we have reviewed the petitions submitted by Cape Fear Valley Health System and Vidant Health, both of which propose to delete their home county acute care bed need determinations from the proposed 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP). We understand these proposals are based on the unique situations in their service areas and hospitals.

I am writing to let you know that Carolinus HealthCare System strongly supports the SMFP's current need determination for 40 additional acute care beds for Mecklenburg County for 2013. Our System will definitely apply for these beds as they are critically needed in Mecklenburg County at this time.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. In the event you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 704-355-0350.

Sincerely,

F. Del Murphy, Jr.
Vice President - Planning