



March 21, 2013

NC Division of Health Service Regulation
Medical Facilities Planning Branch
Attn: Long Term & Behavioral Health Committee
2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Letter of Support for the Petition for Change to the Hospice Inpatient Bed
Need Methodology

Hospice of Davidson County, North Carolina, Inc., a provider of hospice services for seventeen communities located in Davidson County, North Carolina, respectfully submits a letter of support of the petition for change to the hospice inpatient bed need methodology by decreasing the inpatient day percent calculation from 6.0% to 3.5% by Hospice of Wake County, Inc.

It is the position of our agency that the update to the percent used for need calculation will bring the percent of hospice inpatient days in alignment with the state and national averages for hospice inpatient days as a percent of total hospice days of care reducing the financial hardship on hospice facilities unable to sustain occupancy rates less than 85% and protecting against an oversupply of inpatient beds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Owen".

Laura Owen,
Chief Executive Officer



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