

Attachment F

Letters of Support

March 14, 2015
Christopher Ullrich, MD, Chair
State Health Coordinating Council

Ms. Shelley Carraway, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certification of Need Section
2701 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

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Sincerely,

Signature:



Name: Shelbourn Stevens Representing: Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center

Address: 240 Hospital Drive Boliva NC 28422

March 18, 2015

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Ms. Shelley Carraway, Chief
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As a federally designated Critical Access Hospital that offers 24/7 emergency room services and treats all patients regardless of ability to pay, Doshier needs a fixed MRI to serve its patients and its community. MRI is now a common tool for diagnosing soft tissue, and this service has become an expectation of hospitals that reach a certain size and service area, which Doshier has done. Patients using hospital services in this state should have convenient access to MRI, and the state should enact proper rules and procedures within the existing CON law to ensure this access is available. This should be especially true when the proposed service is less costly than the alternatives – which is the case in this instance.

For the Southport area of Brunswick County, a growing retirement and vacation center, a hospital-based MRI is needed for this particular population. We believe Doshier having an MRI will most appropriately serve its community, and support any legitimate change through the CON process that will allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

Signature: 

Name: Jack Busto

Representing: New Hanover Regional Medical Center

Address: P.O. Box 9000

Wilmington, NC 28402

Signed original sent directly to DHSR by Wilmington Health

July 28, 2015
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Sincerely,

Jeff James
CEO
Wilmington Health



July 29, 2015

North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Healthcare Planning
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

Attn: Technology & Equipment Committee

Dear Dr. Ullrich and Members of the Committee:

A petition has been filed by the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital for an adjustment to the need determination for fixed MRI scanners in Brunswick County. NCHA supports a hospital's petition for a need adjustment for MRI when the following occurs.

- The licensed hospital submits a special need determination for a fixed MRI to the Medical Facilities Planning Branch by 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2015.
- The licensed hospital operates an Emergency Department 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.
- The licensed hospital does not currently own an onsite fixed MRI scanner, and proposes to meet the need by filing a Certificate of Need application for one should need be established.
- The licensed hospital has the resources to acquire a fixed MRI and to operate a financially feasible service.
- The licensed hospital's proposal is not opposed by another licensed hospital/health system within the service area.

We believe the petition filed by J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital meets these criteria, and offer our support for its approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Vicario,
NCHA Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

March 12, 2015

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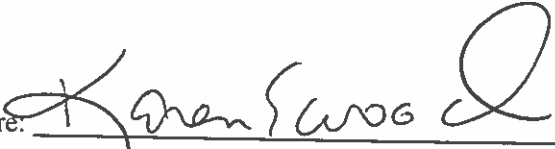
This letter is to express my support for Doshier's petition for a Policy Adjustment / Change to the Methodology in the *2016 Proposed North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP)* regarding Magnetic Resonance Imaging equipment. My name is Dr. Karen Wood and I am the Chief of the Medical Staff at J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital (Doshier).

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We have demonstrated that Brunswick County can support a full time MRI at both hospitals. Doshier medical staff, full and part time clinical specialists and I regularly refer patients for MRI at Doshier. It makes sense for a hospital to own its MRI when the volume of procedures is sufficient to support it. Ownership provides many benefits to hospitals and its patients, including management of schedule; better continuity of care; control regarding quality of the equipment; opportunity for lower costs; and increase of access to services. One hospital has this privilege. Both should.

Please approve this petition and help Doshier provide important services to Brunswick County. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Signature:  Specialty: family medicine
Address: 3599 George H Highway
Southport, NC 28461

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Name: _____

Address: _____



Philip D. Bates MD

Representing: _____

General Surgery

819 N Atlantic Ave

Southport NC 28461

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Sincerely,

Signature: Robert M Zukoski MD

Name: ROBERT M ZUKOSKI Specialty: GENERAL SURGERY

Address: 904 HOWE ST
SOUTHPORT, NC 28461

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Sincerely,

Signature: Keith C. Reschly MD

Name: Keith C. Reschly MD

Representing: Hospitalist

Address: 6035 Spikerush Trail

Southport, NC 28461

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Signature: _____

Name: _____

J. A. Burdette, MD

Representing: _____

Doshier Memorial Emergency Department

Address: _____

609F Dutchman Creek Road

Southport, NC 28461

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Signature: _____

Name: _____



Juan L. Alvarado MD
Representing: _____ cardiologist

Address: _____

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Southport NC 28461

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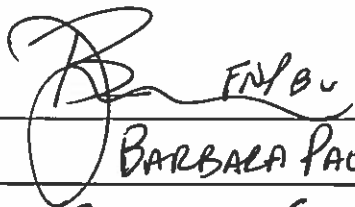
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Name: _____

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 FNP/BC

BARBARA PAOLUCCI

Representing: _____

Ortho Wilmington

18 Doctors Circle

Supply NC 28462

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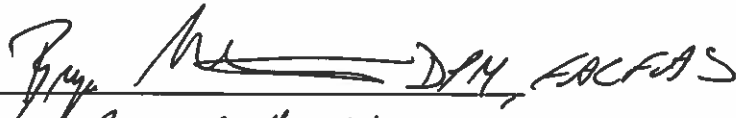
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Signature: 
Name: Bryan Satterwhite Representing: _____
Address: 5504 Rob Carby Blvd
Southport NC 28461

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Signature:



Name:

Domenic Polagato

Specialty:

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3955 George II Highway Southport NC 28461

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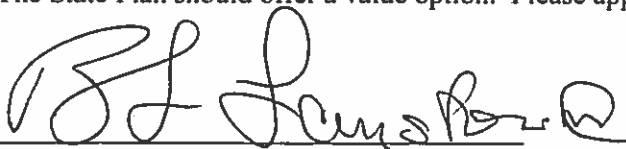
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Signature:



Name:

LEE LANGSTON MD FACP

Representing:

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Address:

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OIB, N.C. 28469

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Signature: 

Name: TIMOTHY GLIBICK, M.D. Representing: ATLANTIC INTERNAL MEDICINE

Address: 16 Medical Center Dr.
SUPPLY, NC 28462

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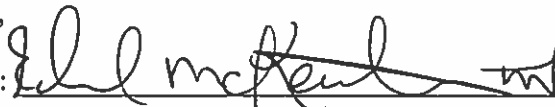
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Edward McKeithen

Representing:

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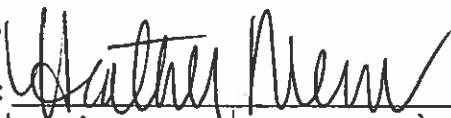
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Heather Merraw

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Doshier - Holden Beach

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Sincerely,

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