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Re: Adjusted Need Petition for One Operating Room in Cumberland County

Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I am the Program Director for General Surgery Residency at CFVMC and am board certified in General Surgery. In my role as Program Director I am responsible for oversight of general surgical residents at CFVMC.

Cape Fear Valley Health System is submitting a Petition for an adjusted need determination for one additional operating room in Cumberland County. Our Petition is based upon the development of two new surgical residency programs at CFVHS, which began this month in collaboration with the Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine. We already have residents working and learning in our surgical suite, and we look forward to assuring the best possible educational experience for them.

We believe that as the surgical residents at Cape Fear Valley grow the need for additional surgical capacity also will increase. As a result, CFVHS has submitted the proposed Petition, which if approved, will allow us submit a CON for a new operating room which will improve our ability to meet the educational needs of our residents and the surgical needs of patients from our six-county service area.

This Petition is consistent with the basic principles of the SMFP and will promote cost-effective approaches, expand health care services to the medically underserved, and encourage quality health care services by providing more efficient health care services to the patient population served by Cape Fear Valley Health System.

Please convey to the State Health Coordinating County, my enthusiastic support and that of my colleagues for this Petition.

Sincerely,

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Director, General Surgery Residency Program
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