



CATAWBA VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

Ms. Micheala Mitchell
Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

7/17/24

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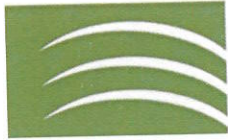
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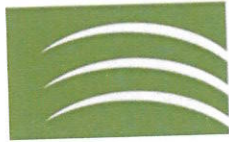
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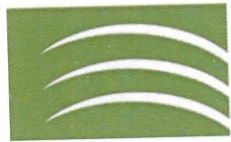
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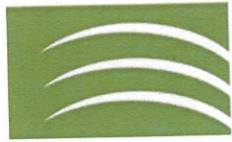
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Justin Sullivan D.O., MPA, AEMO



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June 20, 2024

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Greg Billings — MSN, RN-BC, NEA-BC
Vice President and Corporate Compliance Officer

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Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer



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Chief Nursing Officer
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Pierce Hibma, MD
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June 24, 2024

Dear Ms. Mitchell

As the Physician Executive Director of the Heart Center at Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC), I wholeheartedly endorse the petition for an adjusted need determination to permit the establishment of a second Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory (Cath Lab) within our esteemed institution. Having closely observed the exceptional care delivered by our dedicated team in the existing Cath Lab, I am convinced that this expansion is vital for our patients and community.

In critical cardiac situations, time is of the essence. A second Cath Lab will significantly reduce wait times, allowing more patients to receive urgent, potentially life-saving procedures promptly. Moreover, it will bolster our capacity to accommodate a growing patient population, especially in areas with high rates of cardiac diseases and an aging demographic.

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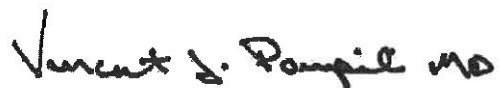
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Moreover, considering the complexity of our field, cardiologists cannot effectively cover two hospitals anymore. The risk of burnout is significant. Focusing our efforts within CVMC ensures better patient outcomes and supports our dedicated medical professionals.

I urge all stakeholders to support this critical initiative. Together, we can improve patient outcomes and ensure timely access to cardiac care.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to reach out for further discussion.

Sincerely,

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Vincent J. Pompili, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Physician Executive Director, Heart Center
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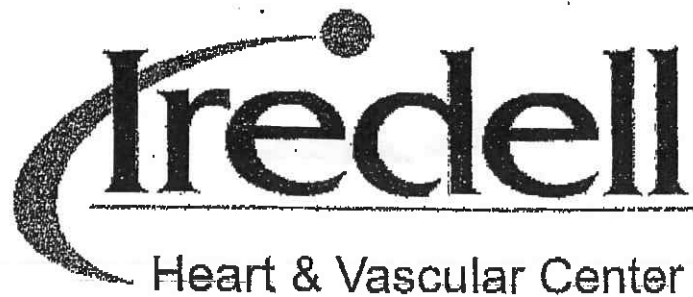
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Richard Rozier, MD
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Director, Cardiac Catheterization Lab
Iredell Health Systems
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