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VIA EMAIL ONLY

October 9, 2025

Angela Gruebbel  
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**No Review**

**Record #:** 4952  
**Date of Request:** September 19, 2025  
**Facility Name:** Carolina Caring, Inc.  
**FID #:** 923865  
**Business Name:** Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC  
**Business #:** 3808  
**Project Description:** Expand home hospice services to Davie, Union, and Rutherford counties  
**County:** Catawba

Dear Ms. Gruebbel:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the representation in your request and the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office. **As a reminder, it is unlawful to offer or develop a new institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need. The Department reserves the right to impose sanctions, including civil penalties and the revocation of a license, upon any entity that offers or develops a new institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need.**

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ena Lightbourne  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
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RE: Notice of Expansion of Service Area  
Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC  
License HOS0367  
FID923865  
Hospice Home Services  
Newton NC

Dear Ms. Lightborne and Ms. Hale:

I am writing to notify you that Carolina Caring Serious Illness, LLC dba Carolina Caring intends to begin providing the full scope of home hospice services to Davie, Union and Rutherford counties. We have also notified Please confirm receipt and let me know if we must any take steps in addition to providing this notice before serving these counties.

Thank you,

Angela Gruebbel  
Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** [Lightbourne, Ena](#)  
**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Subject:** admin. Determination  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:22:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to CON Re Davie Rutherford Union - 20250919.pdf](#)

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Tiffany, can you log this one? Thanks.

Ena Lightbourne  
Project Analyst, CON  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
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(I am in the office Thursdays and Fridays. I am working remotely on the other days, therefore email is typically the best way to reach me.)

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