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Ms. McClanahan:

I am writing about the Proposed Policy AC-5: Replacement of Acute Care Bed Capacity. We are a Critical Access Hospital and submitted our CON for a replacement facility in 2008. As the policy is written our swing bed days were not considered in determining utilization of acute care beds; thus, reducing our bed request. Our daily census has increased in the last year and a half and I have concerns that we will be turning patients away in our new facility. I request that you consider swing bed volumes when calculating the bed requests for replacement CAH facilities in the Proposed 2011 State Medical Facilities.

Thank you for your consideration.
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