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Dr. Thomas J. Pulliam, Chair
SHCC - Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Committee
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2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

Re: Support of petition by Hospice of the Piedmont

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I am writing to express High Point Regional Health System's full support for the petition filed by Hospice of the Piedmont. Their request for an adjusted need determination of six inpatient hospice beds will enable Hospice of the Piedmont to continue to provide high quality end of life care to the patients of our region.

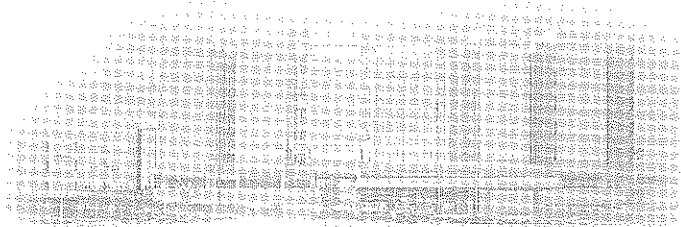
I understand that the standard methodology employed by the State Medical Facilities Plan does, in fact, indicate a need for additional beds in Guilford County. High Point Regional Health System (HPRHS) regularly refers patients to Hospice of the Piedmont and to their inpatient facility, Hospice Home at High Point. We understand firsthand the need for additional beds. We frequently refer patients who are ready for discharge but must remain in the acute setting for extra days or be transferred to another setting because Hospice Home at High Point does not have available beds.

Hospice of the Piedmont provides excellent end-of-life care for patients and support for their families, and their facility is an appropriate site for care of Hospice patients. HPRHS fully appreciates the need for additional beds in southwest Guilford County, and fully supports the petition filed by Hospice of the Piedmont.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for their proposal, and also for your consideration. If I may provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or at (336) 878-6095.

Sincerely,

Darrell R. Deaton
Vice President



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