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Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee  
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Re: Petition for adjusted need determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in  
Carteret County in the 2011 SMFP

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I am writing to support Crystal Coast Hospice House's effort to petition for  
hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County.

Our community is generously blessed with extensive and capable medical and  
related facilities and personnel. However, residents of our community do not  
have local access to a hospice inpatient facility, and often must travel great  
distances to receive such services. The nearest hospice inpatient beds are located  
in either Wilmington or Greenville, nearly 100 miles from Morehead City. This is  
an immense burden for patients, families, and friends to endure during a time of  
crisis. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Carteret County will provide  
much needed local access to inpatient hospice services to residents of our county  
who must travel great distances to receive such services.

Please accept my support for approval of a need determination for hospice  
inpatient beds in Carteret County in the 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Sincerely,



William R. Rogerson