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June 14, 2010

Thomas J. Pulliam, MD
Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee
State Health Coordinating Council
North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services
2714 Mail Center Service
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Re: Petition for adjusted need determination for the Hospice Inpatient Beds in Carteret County in the 2011 SMFP

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I am writing to support the 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 patient's 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,



Myles Michael Stempin
Executive Director

2009 - 2010

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