


CHURCHILL
Senior Living Community

August 11, 2010

The Honorable William L. Wainwright, Chairman
North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Chief
Medical Facilities Planning Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
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RE: Letter of Support for Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County Special Need Petition for Gordon Hospice House for Six Inpatient Hospice Beds

Dear Representative Wainwright and Mrs. Brown:

My name is Debra Lackey RN BSN, Resident Care Director of Churchill Senior Living. I have worked with Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, our local provider for end-of-life care, since 2001. I am writing to support the petition submitted by Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, to include the special adjusted need for hospice inpatient beds at the Gordon Hospice House.

Churchill Senior Living works collaboratively with the hospice team which provides hospice services to our residents. In addition, our facility offers residential care to home hospice patients who require a place to live. We work together to ensure the best care for patients at end-of-life

The Gordon Hospice House has provided a great service to our community for the past five years, and is available for our facility patients who have symptoms requiring acute care and services. The population of Iredell County is growing and so is the need for access to high quality care at end-of-life.

I urge you to include a need determination for the six additional general inpatient beds for the Gordon Hospice House.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Debra Lackey RN,BSN, Resident Care Director
Churchill Senior Living