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HealthCare Center

August 10, 2010

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

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Chief
Medical Facilities Planning Section
Division of Health Services Regulation
2714 Mail Service Center
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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 Jennifer K. Simon, Administrator. I have worked with Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, our Local Provider for end-of-life care, since July 2004. 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.

Our organization works collaboratively with the hospice team who provide hospice services to our residents. In addition, our facility offers residential care to home hospice patients who require a place to live and 24 hour caregiver support. 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,

Jennifer K. Simon
Maple Leaf Health Care/Brian Center Statesville
Senior Administrator