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Thomas J. Pulliam, M.D.

Vice Chairman, North Carolina State Health Coordination Council

c/o Medical Facilities Planning Branch

Division of Health Service Regulation

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Re: Petition for an adjustment to the Brunswick County need determination for a Certified Home Health Agency

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

I have recently discovered that HealthKeeperz Inc. has petitioned the State Health Coordinating Council to round up the need determination number in order to meet the threshold for an additional Certified Home Health Agency in Brunswick County.

Liberty Home Care is opposed to such as the recently revised formula does not include a rounding methodology. The new formula has identified that the number is 324, one less than the threshold for an additional provider in Brunswick County. Since there is no identified procedure to follow, I find it arbitrary to now include such.

Liberty can and does serve the patients referred to our agency and certainly has the capacity to increase our patient volume to meet any future needs in the county.

Again, Liberty is opposed to rounding the current number 324 up to meet the trigger to allow another home health agency be established in Brunswick County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Zizzamia, Jr.

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President