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Re: Carteret General Hospital Petition for Shared Fixed Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory – Carteret County and Johnson Memorial Hospital Petition for Temporary Rule to Permit Interventional Catheterization in Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories without Open Heart Surgery

Dear Ms. Pfeiffer:

On behalf of myself and as a Member of the Carteret General Board of Directors and also the County Attorney for Carteret County, I ask that the DHSR Planning Staff recommend that the State Health Coordinating Council approve the request from Carteret General Hospital for an adjusted need determination for a shared fixed cardiac catheterization laboratory in Carteret County for the 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan.

You should be aware that our county is aging, I, myself, am a baby-boomer, and have just gone on Medicare, together with a large number of our citizens in the county and we find ourselves in need to expand our existing abilities at Carteret General to meet the needs of our aging community.

As you are aware we do not have a cardiac catheterization laboratory in Carteret General and are in dire need of one. Our county is almost 100 miles long and I live in the geographic center and I still find myself an hour away from New Bern or Onslow County Hospital.

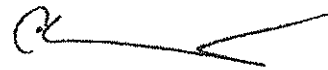
As a Board Member with Carteret General Hospital, we have made every effort to try and keep current with the many changes that are happening in medicine today and, to also, see if we can meet the needs of our citizens. To meet the needs of our citizens and provide them with the best healthcare that we can, we feel that the cardiac catheterization laboratory is our next logical step.

We feel that we can meet the needs of our citizens in this respect and our plans are to continue to grow, especially in these changing times, to provide locally as many services for our citizens that we can.

We need your assistance to make this happen and we are ready, willing and able to move forward and your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write or call.

Truly Yours,



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