



Central Carolina Hospital

March 21, 2014

Mr. Jerry Parks
Chairman, North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council
c/o North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Medical Facilities Planning Branch
2714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Re: Johnston Health Petition for Cardiac Catheterization

Dear Chairman Parks:

On behalf of Central Carolina Hospital ("CCH"), I want to offer our strong support for the Petition filed by Johnston Health with the State Health Coordinating Council (the "SHCC"), requesting that language be added to Chapter 9 of the 2015 State Medical Facilities Plan ("SMFP") to provide that hospitals with fixed cardiac catheterization equipment be permitted to perform both diagnostic and therapeutic (interventional) procedures.

CCH received a certificate of need ("CON") in July 27, 2011 to acquire one unit of shared fixed cardiac catheterization equipment and provide diagnostic cardiac cath services at its acute care facility in Sanford, Lee County, following the SHCC's approval of CCH's Petition for a special need determination in the 2011 SMFP. CCH began providing diagnostic cardiac cath services in December 2012, pursuant to that CON award.

While CCH agrees with Johnston Health that the CON Section ultimately will need to develop rules related to the provision of interventional cardiac cath services, CCH also agrees that the SHCC's support for and ultimate approval of Johnston Health's Petition should help spur on those efforts. Further, regardless of when the CON Section's rules ultimately are finalized, CCH believes that the SHCC should directly address the inequities in the current provision of cardiac cath services, and affirm the need for equitable access to interventional cath services regardless of whether a facility is "grandfathered" under the CON law for provision of such services.

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CCH thanks the SHCC for its consideration of Johnston Health's Petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Doris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Doug Doris

Chief Executive Officer

Central Carolina Hospital