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I am writing this letter to to support the petition submitted by Samaritan Colony, Inc. to include an adjusted need determination in the *2018 State Medical Facilities Plan* for 14 new women's residential treatment beds for substance use disorders in either Moore County or Richmond County, North Carolina.

A residential treatment center for women with substance use disorders like Samaritan Colony would greatly increase the quality of life and chances for recovery of the women and their families in our community. The female residents of our county who currently need residential addiction treatment must travel substantial distances away to either Path of Hope in Lexington, NC which is an hour and twenty minutes' drive; or all the way to R. J. Blakely, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Butner, NC. Women become discouraged because the waiting list at Path of Hope is often six weeks, and most women don't qualify for a bed at R.J. Blakely if they do not need hospital detoxification.

I have made referrals to Samaritan Colony, Inc. in the past. They are a dedicated treatment facility and have a track record of providing high quality, efficient and cost effective care. With the growing opioid overdose epidemic, it is evident that there will continue to be a growing demand for residential drug and alcohol treatment services in the Sandhills area for those who have limited or no income.

I fully support Samaritan Colony's efforts to expand their program so that women may have the same success that men have had since its establishment in 1975. I encourage you to approve their request.

Sincerely, ^

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I work in outpatient community mental health in Moore County, NC and see the shortage of available treatment beds for women who are suffering with substance use disorders on a regular basis. I often see women who are waiting for an available bed relapse due to the unavailability of treatment beds and the long wait/travel distance to receive treatment. I run two Gender Specific Women's Relapse Prevention groups weekly and have witnessed firsthand the benefits of having a safe treatment environment where women are able to explore their gender specific issues in the invulnerable atmosphere of other women.

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There is a growing need for a residential treatment center like Samaritan Colony for women with substance use disorders. If approved, I believe this would increase the quality of life and chances for recovery for women, and also help strengthen families in our community. The female residents of our county who currently need residential addiction treatment must travel substantial distances away to either Path of Hope in Lexington, NC which is an hour and twenty minutes' drive; or all the way to R. J. Blackley, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center in Butner, NC. Women become discouraged because the waiting list at Path of Hope is often six weeks, and most women don't qualify for a bed at R.J. Blakely if they do not need hospital detoxification.

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