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### **North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center's Comments in Opposition to Mission Hospital Petition for Special Need Adjustment for Burn Intensive Care Services in 2021 State Medical Facilities Plan**

The petition submitted to the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) to expand burn intensive care capability at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC should be denied. Burn care in the state is well maintained by the two American Burn Association (ABA) verified centers. There is currently no need to expand burn capacity. Both centers have operated efficiently and below full capacity despite heightened activity during the COVID 19 pandemic. Each burn center is well supported within its health system with continued focus of maintaining burn capacity and capability. Dr Holmes and I communicate on a regular basis and are ready to coordinate response to any mass casualty burn event. This response can be coordinated regionally if needed through a network of surrounding ABA verified Burn Centers as Dr. Holmes is the regional director. Establishing another burn center will likely drain resources and manpower from the current verified burn centers making both less effective.

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Sincerely,

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