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**RE: Carteret Health Care Petition for Hybrid PET/CT Simulator / Scanner at an Acute Care Hospital in Carteret County, HSA VI, North Carolina**

Dear Dr. Greene and Dr. Emmanuel,

On behalf of myself and my family, I ask that DHSR Planning Staff recommend and that the full State Health Coordinating Council approve the request submitted by Carteret Health for an adjusted need determination in the *2024 State Medical Facilities Plan* for one hybrid PET scanner/simulator in HSA VI designated for a licensed acute care hospital in Carteret County. We understand that this request will improve access, affordability, and quality of care for cancer patients in Carteret County and surrounding areas.

We invite you to visit the Crystal Coast in any season. We hope that you will come during the tourist peak so that you can appreciate the travel hurdles faced by our dozens of rural communities. We know from our neighbors that cancer is an increasing occurrence. We have seen the numbers in the hospital's petition and believe that it is time now to permit the county to expand its cancer program with the addition of a hybrid PET scanner/simulator. This efficient technology will improve diagnosis and radiation therapy planning within the Carteret Health Care cancer center.

The performance record of Carteret Health Care with regard to superb quality is validated in its petition and we appreciate the system's attention to our cost of care. The expanded program would be no exception.

Please approve the petition from Carteret Health Care for the equipment, the location, and the reduced performance standard. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

Regards,



Dawn Carter

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On behalf of myself and the people I represent in Carteret County as Chairman of the Carteret County Commissioners, I ask that DHR Planning Staff recommend and that the full State Health Coordinating Council approve the request submitted by Carteret Health Care for an adjusted need determination in the *2024 State Medical Facilities Plan* for one hybrid PET scanner/simulator in HSA VI and designate it for a licensed acute care hospital in Carteret County. We understand that this request will improve access, affordability, and quality of care for cancer patients in Carteret County and surrounding areas.

As a representative of Carteret County, we invite you to visit the Crystal Coast in any season. We hope that you will come during the tourist peak so that you can appreciate the travel hurdles faced by our rural communities. We know from our neighbors that cancer is an increasing occurrence. We have seen the numbers in the hospital's petition and believe that it is time now to permit the county to expand its cancer program. We know it would be accomplished with careful thought and good planning.

The history of Carteret Health Care with regard to quality is well documented. It is a county facility, accountable and responsive to the community. The expanded services would no doubt sustain the same quality levels.

Please approve the petition from Carteret Health Care to include a special need for one hybrid PET scanner/simulator in HSA VI and designate it for a licensed acute care hospital in Carteret County. Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

Regards,

Jimmy Farrington, Chairman  
Carteret County Commissioners