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## Two compete for nursing facility beds in Watauga County

RALEIGH – Two competing applications filed with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation seek to develop 30 nursing facility beds in Watauga County.

A public hearing for these projects will be held at 11 a.m. on July 13 at the Watauga County Public Library, 140 Queen St., Boone.

The 2011 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP) has identified a need for 30 additional nursing facility beds in Watauga County. The two applicants and their proposals are:

- Blowing Rock Hospital, Inc. and Appalachian Regional Healthcare System, Inc. propose to develop the 30 nursing facility beds in the 2011 SMFP and relocate 72 existing nursing beds for a total of 102 nursing facility beds in a new facility located in Blowing Rock. The project is expected to cost \$19.2 million.
- Lynnhaven II, LLC and Borum Healthcare, LLC propose to add the 30 nursing facility beds in the 2011 SMFP to 124 nursing facility beds at GlenBridg Health and Rehabilitation in Boone for a total of 154 nursing facility beds. The applicants also propose to relocate the 20 existing adult care home beds and develop a dedicated Alzheimer's Unit. The facility is located in Boone. The project is expected to cost \$2.6 million.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than July 1 at the following address:

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