

Comments to the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section and  
Long-Term Care and Behavioral Health Committee

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My name is Bill Hyland. I am the Director of Healthcare Planning for DaVita Inc. I have served in this capacity for nineteen years. I am responsible for reviewing the State Medical Facilities Plan each year, the Semiannual Dialysis Reports and collecting and certifying the data for the ESRD Data Collection Reports for all of the facilities operated in North Carolina by subsidiaries of DaVita. I work with the DaVita leadership team in North Carolina to determine the need for new dialysis facilities and stations to serve the ESRD patient population. .

I understand that the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section will be submitting a proposal to the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee of the State Health Coordinating Council at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, with the goal to incorporate the ESRD data into the 2019 State Medical Facilities Plan. If taken, this action will eliminate the semiannual dialysis reports. However, if this action is taken, many of our facilities in North Carolina will suffer delays in expanding services to a growing ESRD patient population.

I recommend that the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee delay the consideration of the implementation of an annual dialysis report into Chapter 14 of the SMFP for one year. I further recommend the committee make a request to Dr. Ulrich, Chairman of the State Health Coordinating Council, to consider convening a work group to provide a comprehensive review and rewrite of the chapter with the goal to include an annual ESRD Data Collection Report into Chapter 14 of the 2020 SMFP.