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Re: Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan

Dear Floyd,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to submit comments on the petitions and comments received on the Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan. The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care supports the recommended additional step to the hospice inpatient methodology submitted to the Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Committee on July 31, 2009 by Dawn Carter, President, Health Planning Source. We believe that this additional step will more accurately project inpatient bed need.

Our organization appreciates the remarkable work of the Hospice Methodologies Task Force and we are in support of the new hospice methodology in the proposed plan with this additional step.

Sincerely,

Judith B. Brunger
President & CEO