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Memorial Hospital

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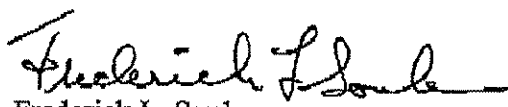
Ms. Victoria McClanahan
North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Medical Facilities Planning Section
2714 Mail Service Center
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Dear Ms. McClanahan:

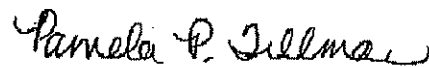
As leaders of Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc., a critical access hospital, we are writing in support of the Proposed Policy AC-5: Replacement of Acute Care Bed Capacity. Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital will need to be replaced in the near future. At the present time, a majority of our bed utilization comes from swing beds. If we were not able to count swing beds for our replacement facility, Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital would be placed at a great disadvantage in serving our community.

Thank you for your consideration. If you would like further information, please contact us at (336) 593-2831 or via email at fsoule@hmccah.com or ptillman@hmccah.com.

Sincerely,



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