Harborview Health Care Center

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Thomas J. Pulliam, MD
Chair, Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee
State Health Coordinating Council
N.C. Department of Health and Human Services
2714 Mail Center Service
Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Re: Petition for adjusted need determination for Hospice Inpatient Beds in Carteret
County in the 2011 SMFP

Dear Dr. Pulliam:

On behalf of Harborview Health Care Center I am writing to support the petition
submitted by Crystal Coast Hospice House to include an adjusted need determination
for hospice inpatient beds in Carteret County.

Our community is generously blessed with extensive and capable healthcare
professionals and provider organizations. Our organization works with government
agencies and other provider organizations to insure that Carteret County residents have
adequate access to high quality services across a wide spectrum of needs. However,
specific to hospice services, Carteret County does not have a hospice inpatient facility.
The nearest hospice inpatient beds are located in either Wilmington or Greenville, nearly
100 miles from Morehead City. Carteret County residents need a hospice inpatient
facility to complete the continuum of care for end-of-life services.

Additionally, as Carteret County's population is growing, it is aging as well. The
demands on family members, hospice, and providers will continue to become more
difficult. Establishing a hospice inpatient facility in Carteret County will provide much
needed local access to inpatient hospice services for residents of our county who must
travel great distances to receive these services.

I urge you to include a need determination for hospice inpatient beds. Carteret County
would be well served with such a service located within our county.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gatewood, III
Vice-President/Administrator

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