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Elizabeth Brown, Section Chief North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation Medical Facilities Planning Section 2714 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2714

Re: Policy AC-3

Dear Ms. Brown:

Person Memorial Hospital supports the policy embodied by Policy AC-3 that allows academic medical center teaching hospitals to pursue their research and teaching missions. Person Memorial Hospital routinely refers patients to academic medical center teaching hospitals to receive treatment that is only offered at those hospitals. We also employ the health care professionals trained by the state's academic medical centers and want to be sure that those centers can continue to educate the workforce we need.

Therefore, we support the Petition filed by Duke, UNC, Pitt and Baptist regarding Policy AC-3, and support the continued inclusion of Policy AC-3 in the Plan.

Sincerely,

Jamie W. Guin, Jr.

CEO