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2. **Statement of Requested Change**

**Table 11C: Adult Care Home Bed Need Determination**

**It is determined that there is no need for additional beds anywhere else in the State and no other reviews are scheduled.**

Need determinations shown in this document may be increased or decreased during the year pursuant to Policy GEN-2 (see Chapter 4).

Application due dates are absolute deadlines. The filing deadline is 5:30 p.m. on the application due date. The filing deadline is absolute (see Chapter 3).

3. **Reasons for Proposed Change**

**A) Statement of Adverse Effects**

We have come to find in this area that people prefer to have loved ones placed in facilities that are close to home and church. This allows them to be able to have very easy access to their loved ones both one routine daily basis as well as in cases of emergencies when they have to reach them in as short a time as possible. Note, some emergencies occur overnight, and some residents are not comfortable driving more than ten or fifteen minutes at night.

The present circumstances do not allow this. With the vast majority of family members both of my congregation and others being of the senior citizen age group, any distance outside of a fifteen mile radius can be considered a substantial challenge.

**B) Alternatives That Were Considered but Found not Feasible**

**Presently there are two facilities in the county that serve the needs of the population.**

People are usually very conservative when it comes to placing their loved ones in facilities for daily care and upkeep. They want to be assured that their family members would receive optimal care and attention on a twenty four hour basis. They are very hesitant when there is a strong sense of lack of familiarity, thus they prefer to place their loved ones in environments that are within easy reach and where they have familiar faces. Easy access allows them to be able to check on them with little or no impediments.

To date there are two facilities in the county:

**a) Carolina Rest Home**

The Carolina Rest Home is a forty bed facility that is located in Roanoke Rapids, NC;

**Disadvantages of Carolina Rest Home that make it not feasible:**

- i. It is located approximately 21.9 miles (a thirty minute drive) from the town of Enfield, thus eliminating the possibility of easy access;
- ii. Many residents have returned home following retirement in various parts of the country, principally to be near their relatives and to assist in their care and upkeep. Having to drive a distance greater than fifteen minutes each way on almost a daily basis has usually been found to defeat their purpose;
- iii. Due to its size, it is generally considered to be too large and therefore lacks the personal touch which is preferred by most families for their loved ones;
- iv. Because it is the only long term care facility of its quality or caliber in the county, it is usually filled with a considerable waiting list;

**b) Wood Haven Nursing Home**

While Wood Haven is located within the town of Enfield, it too provides a number of disadvantages, thus leading it to also be not a feasible possibility for the population;

- i. It is designed principally to serve the Mental Health population (ie. Alzheimers, Dementia...);
- ii. Because it serves the mental health population, most citizens and residents of the area are skeptical about placing their loved ones there due principally to safety issues;
- iii. The staff and ownership are generally not responsive to the general population;

**4. Evidence of Lack of Duplication**

We are collecting letters of support from members of the community which would serve as evidence that creation of a mid size facility in the county, particularly in the town of Enfield would not lead to duplication. As indicated earlier, families have been known to take their families and loved ones to areas outside of the county.

- Tarboro (Edgecombe County);
- Nashville (Nash County);
- Rocky Mt (Nash County);

Thus it is clear that the two facilities that exist in the county are not serving the needs of the population.

5. **Evidence of Consistency With the Three Basic Principles Governing the Development of State Medical facilities Plan (Safety and Quality, Access and Value);**

**i. Safety & Quality**

If the desired change is effected and we are granted approval to bring an adult care facility to the town of Enfield, we can give all assurances that we would exercise the highest standards of safety as would be consistent with the State's medical facility's health plan; anything to the contrary would be unacceptable;

**ii. Access**

Creation of a facility in Enfield would allow ready access as this is the desire of the residents of the town. Such a facility would be within a five minute radius of most residents of the town, and would evidently provide the easy access that they desperately desire.

**iii. Value**

A mid sized adult care facility would definitely add value to both the lives of residents as well as to the town and the county.

**Conclusion**

Due to the fact that residents in Enfield and other parts of the county have to take their loved ones and family members outside of the county in order to have their healthcare needs, it is evident that there is a strong need for an additional mid-sized Adult Family Care Facility in the area.

We are available to provide additional information per your request, and we are hopeful that our petition would meet your positive consideration.

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