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**From:** Mary Rollins-Hughes <MRollins@psahealthcare.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2016 4:35 PM  
**To:** DHSR.SMFP.Petitions-Comments  
**Subject:** Petition submitted by Mother's Helper Home Health Care.

Dear State Health Coordination Council Members and State Health Planning Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment to the State Health Coordinating Council re the petition submitted by Mother's Helper Home Health Care.

Currently there are several accredited Home Health providers that specifically serve pediatric and maternal care; in addition, The Nurse –Family Partnership is a free voluntary community health program that also serves this population as well. NFP partners every mother with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and continues to serve that mother and child through the child's second birthday. NFP is a free, voluntary evidenced-based program.

Because of NFP and adequate coverage of the current home health providers that specialize in the care of these clients in the Wake Co. area, I am concerned that the petition would be a duplication and unnecessary expense to the NC Medicaid Program as 76% of the NFP participants are already Medicaid recipients.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit comment and for your consideration,

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