

August 10, 2017

Christopher Ullrich, M.D.
Chairman
North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council
Health Planning and Certificate of Need Section
North Carolina Division of Facilities Services
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Adjusted Need Petition for Additional Rehabilitation Beds in HSA III

Dear Dr. Ullrich:

I was a patient at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in February, 2013 through April, 2013. As the result of sepsis from pneumonia my physicians determined that I needed inpatient rehabilitation services.

I was dismayed to learn that in Mecklenburg County there is only one provider of inpatient rehabilitation services and that I would have to leave the Novant Health system for these services. In addition, I was advised that my admission to the inpatient rehabilitation unit would be delayed several days. While waiting for a bed, the staff at NHPMC took great care of me. I wish we had another choice in Mecklenburg County.

It is my understanding that Novant Health and HealthSouth are submitting an adjusted need determination for new rehabilitation beds in HSA III. I support the expansion of rehabilitation services in the Greater Charlotte Market. If approved, the Petition will increase access for patients currently denied timely care. This project will promote cost-effective approaches, expand access to health care services and encourage quality health care services by providing more efficient health care services to the residents of Mecklenburg County and surrounding counties.

Please convey to my enthusiastic support for the approval of this Petition.

Sincerely,

Martha Nauman
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Mecklenburg County