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VIA EMAIL

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North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC)
NH Department of Health Services Regulation
Healthcare Planning Section
809 Ruggles Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council:

I am writing in support of skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) being able to develop or expand dialysis services in their facilities. Hospitals frequently struggle to find placement for high acuity patients requiring skilled nursing care and dialysis. This leads to a prolonged hospital stay which adds to unnecessary days of care in an acute care setting and increased costs. Often these patients end up being readmitted to the hospital due to their conditions and the unavailability of dialysis in skilled nursing facilities.

Having a mechanism for SNFs to provide dialysis to those patients requiring this life-saving procedure in a skilled nursing setting will result in more patients receiving the appropriate level of care sooner, leading to reduced length of stay in costly acute care settings, less hospital readmissions, and improved quality of life for these patients.

I encourage the SHCC to seriously consider the petition to add a Policy ESRD-4 to the State Medical Facilities Plan in 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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