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Project ID #: R-12268-22
Facility: Chowan Home Dialysis
FID #: 200027
County: Chowan
Applicant(s): FMS ENA Home, LLC
Project: Develop one dialysis station to be used exclusively for home hemodialysis training and support services

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the above referenced petition to change the assumptions of the need methodology as they pertain to granting a home hemodialysis training station in Chowan County. I am a practicing nephrologist in eastern North Carolina and the Co-President of Eastern Nephrology which provides kidney care to 25 counties in eastern NC, including Chowan County. I am a firm believer in the benefits of home dialysis for my patients who develop kidney failure. Home dialysis provides patients with better survival rates and a better quality of life than traditional in-center hemodialysis. The Executive Order on Advancing American Kidney Health, which was executed by President Trump on July 10, 2019, clearly articulates the need to increase patient access to home dialysis treatments. There are 2 types of home dialysis: 1) peritoneal dialysis; and 2) home hemodialysis. The patient's clinical scenario and personal choice influence which modality is most appropriate. Until 2021, patients living in Chowan County and several surrounding Counties had to travel great distances to be trained in a home dialysis modality. However, in 2021, FMS ENA Home, LLC established a peritoneal dialysis training facility in Chowan County, greatly improving patient access to care. But, the patients in the area still do not have convenient access to home hemodialysis training. Allowing FMS ENA Home, LLC to provide this service in Chowan County will further enhance patient access to care by providing training and support for home hemodialysis.

Respectfully,

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