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RE: Comments re Proposed 2014 SMFP - Harnett County linear accelerator need determination

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the physicians of Cancer Centers of North Carolina, these comments are submitted in support of the provision contained in the Proposed 2014 SMFP creating linear accelerator Service Area 21 for Harnett County.

Our physicians have enjoyed a 10-plus year working relationship with the Harnett Health System bringing much needed cancer care to the residents of Harnett County including daily access to oncologic consultative services and chemotherapy. Our experience has provided us with a clear insight into the impact felt by our patients when they must travel significant distances outside the County for radiation therapy services, often for days at a time over the course of their lengthy radiation treatments. The findings of the SMFP linear accelerator need determination confirms our own preliminary market analysis that a linear accelerator in Harnett County is both needed to provide comprehensive and state of the art cancer care services to our patient but also that it will be a viable and successful program in that County.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of the need determination.

Sincerely,

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