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Points to make:

1. ResCare HomeCare in Dunbar WV is very interested in providing skilled nursing care to individuals receiving Medicare and Medicaid services.
2. With the current CON requirement in place, we are completely unable to provide these services.
3. Currently we are limited to providing non-medical in-home care, Aged and Disabled Home Health Aide Waiver services, and Veterans Home Health Aide services. Very often our clients would like for us to provide them with skilled nursing services in addition to the other services we provide, but we are completely unable to do so with the CON requirement presently in place. This we feel, impedes the continuity of care, as well impedes freedom of choice.
4. As the elderly population continues to grow, ResCare hopes to participate in meeting their needs as well as provide greater employment opportunities in our State.
5. In conclusion, we feel that by lifting the CON requirement, the resulting competition for service provision will promote an increase in quality of care, along with providing freedom of choice to residents of West Virginia.

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