

VII. QUALITY OF CARE

- Access to healthcare is the foundational component to quality
- SCALF services are entirely private-pay; consumer choice rewards high quality through competition
- Licensed SCALF providers are regulated by ADPH ensuring compliance with the highest standards

Only two Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities are licensed in Limestone County with a combined total of 32 beds.

Limestone County has 16 beds licensed in Athens and 16 beds licensed in Madison. The Madison facility is more than 10 miles from Athens. In addition, ADPH lists two SCALF providers in adjacent Morgan County, and two in adjacent Lauderdale County. This application has made note of the unusual circumstances of Madison County which has 7 providers. The nearest provider in Lauderdale County is 49 miles from Athens.

The nearest provider in Morgan County is 22 miles away and Westminster Memory Care in Decatur is 22.3 miles from Athens.

The nearest provider in Madison County is more than 10 miles from Athens.

Traditions of Athens already has the capacity to care for 80 regular assisted living residents in its existing licensed facility in Athens. Statistically eight of those residents alone will require memory support services.

Currently there are sixty-six beds (66) authorized by the SHCC for Limestone County. Only sixteen are licensed and in use in the western side of Limestone County within ten miles of Athens.

Of the authorized beds, there are 24 SCALF beds authorized and awarded to The Phoenix at Madison which is yet to be built or licensed. Furthermore, Phoenix has applied to be granted the ten (10) beds authorized by the Statistical Update of September 5, 2018. These 34 beds are authorized but not built nor licensed, thus they are currently unavailable to Limestone County residents.

The net effect is that there are no beds available for use in Limestone County other than the thirty-two (32) existing licensed SCALF beds.

The applicant recognizes that the SHCC methodology is county specific, but as stated elsewhere, migration to Limestone County must be taken into account. Therefore we evaluated surrounding providers available to provide care to Limestone residents.

Exhibit 4)

(Exhibit 5)