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SUBJECT: **State Health Coordinating Council Committee Meetings**

### **Acute Care Services Meeting/April 3, 2018**

Sandra Greene, DrPh chaired the initial committee meeting to review policies and methodologies, and to consider a petition received for a change to the operating room need methodology.

#### Methodology/Policy Discussion:

- Inventory Bed Counts include all beds within a specific Health System and within that specific Service Area.
- A statement will be added to indicate that the maximum need established for new operating rooms will be set at 6 per service area.
- Dr. McBride was informed that Piedmont Ambulatory Surgery Center (one 3 Single Specialty Demonstration Project ASC's) had completed its five-year reporting requirements and would no longer be required to follow the Demonstration Project data submission requirements.

Petition: A petition by Azura for a new policy to permit a Vascular Access Center to seek a Certificate of Need for conversion to a single specialty Ambulatory Surgical Center outside the need methodology was disapproved.

### **Long Term/Behavioral Health Services Meeting/April 5, 2018**

Ms. Valerie Jarvis chaired the initial committee meeting to review policies and methodologies, and to consider a petition received for a change to the operating room need methodology.

#### Methodology/Policy Discussion:

- Dr. Andrea Emanuel of the NC Division of Health Service Regulation discussed revisions to the Nursing Facility need methodology to improve its predictability.
- A change to remove detox-only beds, which no longer require a CON, from the State Medical Facility Plan (SMFP) was approved. Other outdated text in the SMFP not pertinent to current policy will also be removed.
- Comments will be requested on a proposed policy to require access to Adult Care Home Beds by special assistance populations (5% of projected days of care).
- Comments will be requested on a proposed change to stop printing the semi-annual Dialysis Report and include that information in Chapter 14 of the SMFP. A member of the public voiced concern that such a move could delay the process and impede access to services.

Petition: A petition by LeadingAge NC to permit a Continuing Care Retirement Center to seek a CON for a Home Health Agency outside the need methodology was disapproved.

### **Technology and Equipment Committee/April 11, 2018**

This meeting was cancelled.

Please contact Mike Vicario if you have questions or comments.