

Other Acute Care Services

Comment:

Heart-Lung Bypass Machines

IV. HEART LUNG BYPASS MACHINES

Table 7B (pg 117) is designed to account for the fact that certain facilities (UNC and 4 others) provide heart lung bypass procedures on children under the age of 14. The table is supposed to multiply the number of procedures performed on children age 14 and under by two before adding it to the number of procedures performed on adults (reflected in table 7A). This is to account for the weighting for all procedures performed on young children.

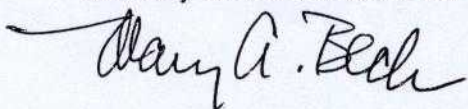
Currently, table 7B reflects all procedures listed in table 7A and the number of procedures performed on children 14 and under has been added to that total. However, the table does not have the increased weight for the procedures performed on children under the age of 14 included. We believe this is true for all providers that perform these special procedures – not just UNC.

We request that table 7B be modified such that UNC has a total of 595 procedures listed.

- Current table 7B justification: $375 + 110 = 485$
- Corrected table 7B justification: $375 + 110$ (multiplied by 2) = 595

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely and on behalf of the UNC Health Care System,



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