
End Stage Renal Disease

- We received no petitions or comments related to the Proposed 2009 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan.
- For the 2009 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan, the Agency recommends no changes from what is presented in the Proposed 2009 Plan, except for updating the Summary of Dialysis Station Supply and Utilization (shown below), based on the July 2008 Semiannual Dialysis Report. Changes are shown in bold.

“Inventories of dialysis facilities and current utilization rates are presented twice a year in “Semiannual Dialysis Reports” required by this chapter. According to the “**July 2008** North Carolina Semiannual Dialysis Report,” there were **156** End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) dialysis facilities certified and operating in North Carolina (*i.e., facilities reporting patient data via the Southeastern Kidney Council*), providing a total of **3,773** dialysis stations. Certificates of need had been issued for an additional **202** dialysis stations, but the stations were not yet certified. Another **49** dialysis stations had been requested, but had not completed the certificate of need review and appeals process. The number of facilities per county ranged from zero to 12.

Utilization data are based on reported numbers of patients obtained from the Southeastern Kidney Council and the Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition. Of the **155** certified facilities operational on December 31, 2007, **74** were at or above 80% utilization (*i.e., operating with at least 3.2 patients per station*).”
