

Agency Report

Affordable Health Care Facilities, LLC

Petition for Change with Potential for Statewide Effect

Petition 3 – Operating Room Petition:
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Request:

“New CON Methodology Related to Ambulatory Surgical Operating Rooms Based on Pilot Demonstrations, Disclosure, and Consumer Choice”

“The request is to (i) revise the composition and authority of the SHCC and (ii) establish parameters for more CON’s to be issued where increased price competition would be beneficial to consumers to increase quality, access, and value of health care services. The results and core principles of this petition are to:

1. Lower cost of facility services;
2. Develop managed competition;
3. Increase disclosure and transparency of all facility costs for consumers (patients);
4. Increase (a) choice; (b) safety/quality; (c) access; and (d) value of facility services for consumers;
5. Protect the fragile rural health care delivery system;
6. Support increased levels of operational efficiency in facilities that can be documented and measured; and
7. Encourage innovation in health service delivery.”

Background Information:

Chapter 2 of the Plan allows petitioners to recommend changes that may have a statewide effect early each calendar year. According to the Plan, “Changes with the potential for a statewide effect are the addition, deletion, and revision of policies and revision of the projection methodologies.” Whereas the petitioner is not requesting a policy or methodology revision per se, the change recommended by this petitioner has the potential to have a statewide effect.

Analysis/Implications:

According to Executive Order 139, issued March 3, 2008, “The Council [State Health Coordinating Council] shall consist of 29 members who shall be appointed by the Governor...” Additionally, Executive Order 139 outlines the duties and functions of the State Health Coordinating Council.

Agency Recommendation:

In support of Executive Order 139 and the current State Health Coordinating Council, the Agency recommends disapproval of the petition.