

Notes Related to
Chapter 14: End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Dialysis Facilities

No carry-over issues related to the Dialysis Chapter were identified last fall. At this time, no new issues have been presented as petitions or comments for the Committee's consideration in preparing the Proposed 2011 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan.

It is important to remember that the Dialysis Chapter is different than other topics in the State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP). The dialysis methodology appears in both the Proposed and Final versions of the SMFP, but need determinations are not published in the SMFP. Instead, the SMFP requires publication of semiannual determinations of need based on updated patient information from the Southeastern Kidney Council and the Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition. Those need determinations are issued by staff in January and July as the "North Carolina Semiannual Dialysis Reports." These reports are posted on the DHSR website.

Therefore in preparing the "Proposed SMFP" each year, members consider any changes in dialysis policy or methodology but do not review draft need projections.

Given that the Agency received no comments or petitions, the Agency recommends no substantive changes to Chapter 14. The Agency recommends updating the dialysis inventory and utilization data and advancing dates by one year, as appropriate, for the Proposed 2011 SMFP.