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## **POLICIES APPLICABLE TO HOME HEALTH SERVICES (HH)**

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### **POLICY HH-3: NEED DETERMINATION FOR MEDICARE-CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY IN A COUNTY**

When a county<sup>1</sup> has no Medicare-certified home health agency office physically located within the county's borders, and the county has a population of more than 20,000 people; or, if the county has a population of less than 20,000 people and there is not an existing Medicare-certified home health agency office located in a North Carolina county within 20 miles, need for a new Medicare-certified home health agency office in the county is thereby established through this policy. The "need determination" shall be reflected in the *next* annual North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan that is published following determination that a county meets the criteria indicated above. (Population is based on population estimates/projections from the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management for the plan year in which the need determination would be made excluding active duty military for any county with more than 500 active duty military personnel. The measurement of 20 miles will be in a straight line from the closest point on the county line of the county in which an existing agency office is located to the county seat of the county in which there is no agency.)

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<sup>1</sup> Except Granville County that has been served by Granville Vance District Health Department and recognized by DHR as a single geographic entity for purposes of location of a home health agency office.