
Acute Care Services Committee

Recommendations to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

May 28, 2014

The Acute Care Services Committee met twice after the March Council meeting, first on April 22th and again on May 9th.

Topics reviewed and discussed at the April 22th meeting included:

- Current Acute Care Services policies and methodologies;

Topics reviewed and discussed at the May 9th meeting included:

- Preliminary drafts of need projections generated by the standard methodologies in the Acute Care Services chapters;
- Licensure/Truven Health Analytics data comparison;

The following is an overview of the Committee's recommendations for the Acute Care Services Chapters 5 through 8 of the Proposed 2015 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP):

Chapter 5: Acute Care Hospital Beds

- The Committee reviewed and discussed policies, methodology and assumptions for acute care beds. There were no petitions or comments related to this chapter.
- Licensure and Truven Health Analytics acute days of care were reviewed for discrepancies exceeding +/- 5%. Staff will work with the Sheps Center and the hospitals during the summer to improve discrepant data, and will notify the Committee if need projections change.
- Committee members reviewed draft Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C. The standard methodology, which uses Truven Health Analytics acute care days of care, indicated needs for additional acute care beds in the following service areas: 82 beds in Cumberland, 31 beds in Forsyth, 26 in Mecklenburg, 31 beds in New Hanover, 28 beds in Stokes, and 11 beds in Vance-Warren service areas for a total of 209 acute care bed needs.
- The committee discussed Stokes County. There was a -84.17% discrepancy between Licensure and Truven Health Analytics acute days. This discrepancy created an artificial need determination for Stokes County. The committee voted to take out this need determination. Therefore, Stokes will have a footnote in Table 5A and shown with no need in Table 5B.

Committee Recommendation for Chapter Five:

The Committee recommends accepting the Acute Care Bed policies, methodology and assumptions as well as accepting the draft tables with the understanding that staff will make updates as needed. In addition, references to dates will be advanced one year, as appropriate. The Committee recommends taking out the need determination for Stokes County in the Proposed 2015 Plan due to discrepant data.

Chapter 6: Operating Rooms

- The Committee reviewed and discussed the methodology and assumptions for operating rooms. There were not petitions for this Chapter.
- The Committee reviewed draft Tables 6A, 6B & 6C, the Operating Room inventory and need determination. Application of the standard methodology indicates there is no need at this time.
- The Committee reviewed Table 6E: Endoscopy Room Inventory.

Committee Recommendation for Chapter Six:

Chapter 7: Other Acute Care Services

- No petitions or comments were received related to other acute care services in Chapter Seven. The Committee reviewed the policy, methodologies and assumptions for open-heart surgery services, burn intensive care services, and bone marrow and solid organ transplantation services. Staff presented draft Tables 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F, and noted that there were no need determinations for additional services at this time.

Committee Recommendation for Chapter Seven:

The Committee recommends accepting the policies, methodology and assumptions for other acute care services in Chapter Seven. The Committee further recommends accepting the draft tables and need projections, with the understanding that staff will make updates as needed.

Chapter 8: Inpatient Rehabilitation Services

- No petitions or comments were received related to Inpatient Rehabilitation Services. The Committee reviewed the methodology and assumptions for Inpatient Rehabilitation Services, as well as a draft of Table 8A and 8B. Application of the standard methodology indicated no need for additional inpatient rehabilitation beds in the state.

Committee Recommendation for Chapter Eight:

The Committee recommends accepting the methodology and assumptions for Inpatient Rehabilitation Services. The Committee further recommends accepting draft tables and need projections, with the understanding that staff will make updates as needed.

Other Action

The Committee authorized staff to update narratives, tables and need determinations for the Proposed 2015 Plan as updates are received.