

## Summary of Operating Room Petitions: 2008-2016

Policy and Methodology (Spring) Petitions and Comments					
Year	Petitioner	Request	Rationale	SHCC Action	Comments
<b>2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable HealthCare Facilities</li> <li>Carolina Ophthalmology <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petitions.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petitions.pdf</a> (Both petitions are in same document.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change ASC methodology to provide more price competition, increased access and choice, and transparency through a managed approach allowing for increased levels of price competition, while accounting for such factors as care for indigent populations and fragility of rural health care delivery.</li> <li>Exempt Ophthalmology ASCs from CON process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CMS is moving toward further incentives to encourage use of ASCs. Therefore, it is fiscally responsible for the SHCC to encourage development of more cost-effective ASCs with cost transparency for patients.</li> <li>NC needs a methodology for single-specialty ASCs.</li> </ul>	Deny.  Recommend Single Specialty Demonstration (SS Demo) Project.  <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petitions.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petitions.pdf</a> (Agency report is in same document as petitions.)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Franklin Regional Medical Center <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petition3.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petition3.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply different thresholds for OR need determination based on number of ORs in service area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approach was proposed at 2/8/2007 OR Workgroup meeting.</li> </ul>	Approve with modifications.  Current methodology rounds deficits to next largest whole number based on number of ORs in service area.  <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petition3.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/03272008_acute_petition3.pdf</a> (Agency report is in same document as petition.)	

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2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Novant Health <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petunderutilizeors.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petunderutilizeors.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjustment to definition and criteria for chronically underutilized facilities to require submission of at least three LRAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current language requires ORs to reach performance standard in 2 years, but CON language requires ORs to reach performance standards in 3 years.</li> </ul>	<p>Approve.</p> <p>Incorporated into current methodology. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petunderutilizeorsagencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petunderutilizeorsagencyrep.pdf</a></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable Health Care Facilities <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petamsu.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petamsu.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change composition of SHCC.</li> <li>Establish parameters for CON issuance where price competition would benefit consumers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To allow competition where excessive pricing for facility services exists.</li> </ul>	<p>Deny.</p> <p>Outside purview of SHCC. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petamsuagencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0407petamsuagencyrep.pdf</a></p>	
2011	None				
2012	None				
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MedCapital Advisors (same petitioner contact as Affordable Health Care Facilities) <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2013/acs">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2013/acs</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply CON and licensure exceptions equally to all ASCs, regardless of specialty.</li> <li>Allow all surgical specialties to develop</li> </ul>		<p>Deny.</p> <p>Outside purview of SHCC. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2013/acs/0403_amsu_agencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2013/acs/0403_amsu_agencyrep.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2013/acs/0325_amsu_cvhs.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2013/acs/0325_amsu_cvhs.pdf</a></li> <li>Follow link to access additional comments.</li> </ul>

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	<a href="#">/0307_ma_amsu.pdf</a> Follow link to access additional documents	and operate single specialty ASCs, not subject to CON and state licensure, equally as plastic surgery, oral maxillofacial surgery, and otolaryngology (ENT) do presently.			
<b>2014</b>	• None				
<b>2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howard, Stallings, From, Hutson, Atkins, Angell, &amp; Davis, P.A. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_ormethod_petition.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_ormethod_petition.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review standard methodology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals are unduly protected from expansion of freestanding ASCs.</li> <li>Methodology does not consider dormant or underutilized ORs.</li> <li>Population has grown but surplus of ORs has remained static.</li> </ul>	Deny.  SHCC acknowledged that OR methodology needs examination. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0331_ormethod_agencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0331_ormethod_agencyrep.pdf</a>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowles, Smith &amp; Associates <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_policy_petition.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_policy_petition.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Create policy to exempt pediatric dental ORs from need methodology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical, regulatory, financial, and geographical challenges to serving children with significant dental health needs, especially those children whose dental care is covered by Medicaid.</li> </ul>	Deny.  Recommend stakeholder group or other mechanism to explore options. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0331_policy_agencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0331_policy_agencyrep.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_policy_ksa.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0305_policy_ksa.pdf</a></li> <li>Follow link to access additional comments.</li> </ul>
<b>2016</b>	None				

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2008	Randolph County	Randolph Hospital <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/09112008_acute_or_pe t.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/09112008_acute_or_pe t.pdf</a>	3 ORs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many procedures go out of county.</li> <li>• All ORs are in hospital.</li> <li>• Previous rounding in methodology disadvantaged the county</li> <li>• Noted erroneous data from facility.</li> </ul>	Approve 2 ORs. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/09112008_acute_or_agency.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2008/09112008_acute_or_agency.pdf</a>	
2009	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlantic Orthopedics <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_atlanticortho.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_atlanticortho.pdf</a></li> <li>• Blue Ridge Bone &amp; Joint <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0730_magura.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0730_magura.pdf</a></li> <li>• Ancillary Care Solutions <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_edgar.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_edgar.pdf</a></li> <li>• Southern Surgical Center <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_sscenter.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_sscenter.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Change criteria for inclusion in Single Specialty Demonstration Project		Deny (Petitions were reviewed together.) <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_amsurept.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_amsurept.pdf</a>	<a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0722_orruax.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0722_orruax.pdf</a>

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	Rowan County	Novant Health <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_novant.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0804_novant.pdf</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current language requires ORs to reach performance standard in 2 years, but CON language requires ORs to reach performance standards in 3 years.</li> </ul>	Defer until Spring 2010 <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_novantreport.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_novantreport.pdf</a>	
	Cumberland, Hoke, and Moore Counties	Cape Fear Valley Health System <a href="https://www2.ncdhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0708_capefearpet.pdf">https://www2.ncdhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2009/0708_capefearpet.pdf</a>	Designate Hoke and Cumberland as multi-county service area and designate Moore as single county service area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update population and utilization data to reflect current patterns.</li> </ul>	Deny.  Issue included in acute care workgroup in 2010. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_capefearreport.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2009/acs/0916_capefearreport.pdf</a>	

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2010	Catawba County	Graystone Eye Surgery Center <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_graystone.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_graystone.pdf</a>	1 OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronically underutilized ORs prevent need determination.</li> <li>Facilities are at or near capacity.</li> <li>Demand and population are both increasing.</li> </ul>	Approve. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportgraystone.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportgraystone.pdf</a>	
2010	Rowan County	Novant Health and Rowan Regional Medical Center <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_novantor.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_novantor.pdf</a>	Remove need for 1 OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilization decreased.</li> <li>Time per case is less than planning standard</li> </ul>	Approve. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportnovantrowan.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportnovantrowan.pdf</a>	
	Wake County	WakeMed Health and Hospitals <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_wakemed.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_wakemed.pdf</a>	4 pediatric ORs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Methodology does not distinguish among various patient types.</li> <li>Physical plant, medical procedures, and support services differ for pediatric patients.</li> <li>Existing ORs will exceed capacity within 3 years.</li> </ul>	Deny. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportwakemed.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportwakemed.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_phillips.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_phillips.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Follow link to access additional comments</i></p>
	Columbus County	Columbus Regional Healthcare <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_columbus.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2010/acs/0804_columbus.pdf</a>	Remove need for 1 OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated data from facility.</li> </ul>	Approve. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportcolumbus.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2010/acs/0915_agencyreportcolumbus.pdf</a>	
2011	Watauga, Ashe, Avery, Alleghany, Wilkes, and	Boone Surgcare <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2011/acs/0819_appalachian.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2011/acs/0819_appalachian.pdf</a>	3 ORs to serve patients from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth of permanent and temporary population of region.</li> </ul>	Deny. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2011/acs/0915_agencyrepboone.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2011/acs/0915_agencyrepboone.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2011/acs/0819_appalachian.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2011/acs/0819_appalachian.pdf</a></li> </ul>

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2012	Wake County	WakeMed <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2012/acsc/0802_wake_ped_or.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2012/acsc/0802_wake_ped_or.pdf</a>	2 pediatric ORs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing pediatric population.</li> <li>Special needs of patients.</li> <li>Cited Truven data for procedures (but could not determine whether procedures performed in OR or procedure room).</li> </ul>	Deny. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2012/acsc/0911_agencyrep_wm.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2012/acsc/0911_agencyrep_wm.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2012/acsc/0802_phillips.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2012/acsc/0802_phillips.pdf</a></li> </ul> <i>Follow link to access additional comments</i>
2013	None					
2014	New Hanover	Wilmington Health <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2014/acs/0731_newhanover_or_pet.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2014/acs/0731_newhanover_or_pet.pdf</a>	2 ORs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CON for 2 ORs has not been completed.</li> <li>Even with these 2 undeveloped ORs, New Hanover County has a deficit very close to triggering a need determination.</li> </ul>	Deny. Wait until new ORs are licensed to see if need exists. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2014/acs/0910_newhanover_or_agencyrep.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2014/acs/0910_newhanover_or_agencyrep.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2014/acs/0818_newhanover_or_nhrmc.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2014/acs/0818_newhanover_or_nhrmc.pdf</a></li> </ul> <i>Follow link to access additional comments</i>
2015	Wake, Cumberland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowles, Smith &amp; Associates <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_cumberland_dor_petition.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_cumberland_dor_petition.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Dental OR demonstration project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attributes of dental surgery procedures and OR suites cause difficulties in obtaining OR time in ASCs and hospitals.</li> </ul>	Deny. Petitions were basis of current Dental OR Demo Project. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0901_cumberland_dor_agencyreport.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0901_cumberland_dor_agencyreport.pdf</a>	<a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_wake_dor_vfd.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_wake_dor_vfd.pdf</a> <i>Follow link to access additional comments</i>

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	Buncombe/ Madison/ Yancey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Ridge Bone and Joint  <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_buncombe_ssamsu_petition.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_buncombe_ssamsu_petition.pdf</a></li> </ul>	Inclusion in the Single Specialty Demonstration Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reconsider criteria for inclusion in the Demonstration Project.</li> </ul>	Deny. Sites have been selected. <a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0901_buncombe_ssamsu_agencyreport.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pdf/2015/acs/0901_buncombe_ssamsu_agencyreport.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_buncombe_ssamsu_brbjo.pdf">https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/mfp/pets/2015/acs/0803_buncombe_ssamsu_brbjo.pdf</a>                      Follow link to access additional comments</li> </ul>
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