
CHAPTER 6 – Proposed Change

Step 5 – Project Future Operating Room Requirements Based on Growth of Operating Room Hours (*Columns D through K, Table 6B*)

- a. Determine the utilization rate for each licensed facility providing surgical services and exclude from all further calculations the operating rooms and corresponding procedures in chronically underutilized licensed facilities located in operating room service areas with more than one licensed facility. Do not exclude operating rooms in facilities located in service areas where all facilities are chronically underutilized. Chronically underutilized licensed facilities are defined as licensed facilities operating at less than 40 percent utilization for the past two fiscal years, which have been licensed long enough to submit at least three License Renewal Applications to the Division of Health Service Regulation.

If ORs in a chronically underutilized facility have received approval to be relocated to a new facility, include the ORs and procedures for the underutilized facility in the calculations. Do not remove the ORs from the underutilized facility's inventory or put ORs for the new facility into its inventory until the new facility is licensed.

- b. For Groups 2 through 6, use the Adjusted Case Time (Step 3) to calculate the average (mean) inpatient and ambulatory case times for each group. ~~If this average~~ **the Adjusted Case Time** exceeds one standard deviation above the mean case time for its group, substitute the value equivalent to the mean plus one standard deviation of the Adjusted Case Time to obtain the "Final Inpatient Case Time" (*Column E*) and "Final Ambulatory Case Time" (*Column G*), as applicable. Otherwise use the Adjusted Case Time (Step 3). Facilities that perform no surgical procedures in the category being calculated are excluded from the calculations. For the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan, the average Final Inpatient and Ambulatory Case Times for each group are as follows: