

# Technology and Equipment Committee

## Recommendations to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

October 9, 2009

Petitions, comments, agency reports, revised tables and other material related to this report are posted on the Division of Health Service Regulation website for the October 9, 2009 State Health Coordinating Council meeting. The Technology and Equipment Committee has met once since the May Council meeting, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the Committee:

- Reviewed petitions and comments received in response to the Technology and Equipment Chapter of the Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan.
- Reviewed revised tables, which had been updated and corrected since the Proposed Plan was published.
- Developed recommendations for Chapter Nine of the 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan.

Following is a report of the Committee's recommendations for Chapter Nine of the 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP).

### Linear Accelerator Section

The Council received no petitions or comments over the summer regarding the Linear Accelerator section of the 2010 SMFP. The Committee reviewed the revised data collection form for linear accelerators that included updated CPT codes for stereotactic radiosurgery with an ESTV value of 3.00. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the linear accelerator section of the 2010 SMFP.

### Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scanners Section

The Council received no petitions over the summer regarding the PET Scanner section of the 2010 SMFP. The Committee acknowledged receipt of comments related to mobile PET Scanner Service Areas. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the PET Scanner section of the 2010 SMFP.

### Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Section

The Committee reviewed revised Table 9K, which indicated need determinations for fixed MRI scanners in Forsyth, Rutherford and Wake counties. The Council received one petition over the summer from Rutherford Hospital regarding the MRI section of the 2010 SMFP. The petitioner requested an adjusted need determination to remove a projected need determination for one additional fixed MRI scanner in Rutherford County. The 2010 SMFP need determination in Rutherford County resulted from a reallocation of inventory due to there being no CON applications approved for the 2009 SMFP need determination. The petitioners requested that the subsequent 2010 SMFP need determination for Rutherford County be removed. The Committee voted to approve the petition and remove the need determination for Rutherford County.

The Committee acknowledged receipt of comments in support of language in the Proposed 2010 SMFP regarding no need determination for mobile MRI scanners, and exploration of a single methodology for fixed and mobile MRI. Dr. Ullrich reminded the Committee that the Acute Care Services Committee would develop recommendations at its 9/23/2009 meeting regarding the petition from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center about Acute Care Bed Service Areas. The outcome of the petition will affect MRI and cardiac catheterization equipment, since the need methodologies for both utilize Acute Care Bed Service Areas. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the MRI section of the 2010 SMFP.

#### Cardiac Catheterization Equipment Section

The Council received no petitions or comments over the summer regarding the Cardiac Catheterization Equipment section of the 2010 SMFP. The Committee reviewed revised Tables 9N, 9P and 9R, and voted unanimously to adopt the Cardiac Catheterization Equipment section of the 2010 SMFP.

#### Lithotripsy Section

The Council received no petitions or comments over the summer regarding the Lithotripsy section of the 2010 SMFP. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the Lithotripsy section of the 2010 SMFP.

#### Gamma Knife Section

The Council received no petitions or comments over the summer regarding the Gamma Knife section of the 2010 SMFP. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the Gamma Knife section of the 2010 SMFP.

The Committee recommends to the SHCC that Chapter 9: Technology and Equipment be adopted and that, apart from data updates, no substantive changes will be reflected in the 2010 SMFP. In addition, the Committee authorized staff to make updates and corrections to the data as indicated.