

**State Health Coordinating Council  
Agency Recommendation  
Pertaining to the  
2016 State Medical Facilities Plan**

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***Requester:***

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***Request:***

On February 17, 2016, Novant Health notified the Division of Health Service Regulation's Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section that Novant Health Rowan Medical Center's 2015 License Renewal Application (LRA) included inaccurate data. Specifically, Cardiac Catheterizations and Special Procedures/Angiography Equipment procedures were included as surgical procedures. Novant Health submitted a corrected LRA that removed these non-surgical procedures from the count of inpatient and ambulatory surgical cases and adjusted the counts to include only surgical procedures.

***Analysis:***

Novant Health Rowan Medical Center is the only facility in the Rowan County service area that provides surgical services. As a result of the corrections to the LRA, the Rowan County service area now has a surplus of 2.78 operating rooms rather than a need for 1 operating room. Table 1 shows the original figures from Table 6B of the 2016 SMFP as well as the corrected figures submitted by Novant Health.

***Agency Recommendation:***

Chapter 2 of the 2016 SMFP describes the process for Amendment of Approved Plans to correct errors. Pursuant thereto, the agency recommends that the SHCC conduct a public hearing and consider recommending to the Governor removal of the need determination for the Rowan County operating room service area in the approved 2016 SMFP.

**Table 1.**

**Excerpt from 2016 SMFP, Table 6B: Projected Operating Room Need for 2018**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	S	T	U
Rowan County OR Service Area	2014 Inpatient Cases (w/o exclusions)	In-patient Case Time Standard (3 hrs)	Estimated Inpatient Hours	2014 Ambulatory Cases	Ambulatory Case Time Standard (1.5 hrs)	Estimated Ambulatory Hours	2014 Total Estimated Hrs (D+G)	Growth Factor 2014-2018 (Pop. Change Rate)	2018 Projected Surgical Hours	Standard Hours per OR per Year (9 hrs. x 260 days x .8)	Projected ORs Needed in 2018	Adjusted Planning Inventory	Projected OR Deficit or Surplus (Surplus shows as "-")	Projected Need for New ORs
<i>Original</i>	3,233	3.0	9,699	8,041	1.5	12,062	21,761	0.00%	21,760	1,872	11.62	11	0.62	1
<b>Corrected</b>	1,723	3.0	5,169	6,815	1.5	10,233	15,392	0.00%	15,392	1,872	8.22	<b>11</b>	<b>-2.78</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: For ease of presentation, columns M through R from Table 6B have been removed. These columns show the number of each type of operating room in the planning inventory. The total planning inventory is in column S.