
CHAPTER 15

PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT SERVICES

Methodology for Determining Psychiatric Bed Need

The methodology used to project need for psychiatric beds focuses on short-term psychiatric beds only, i.e., those beds used primarily by patients with lengths of stay of 60 days or fewer. The methodology is based on Year 2015 utilization data obtained from Truven Health Analytics, a collector of hospital patient discharge information. The data were gathered from all acute care hospitals and specialty psychiatric hospitals in North Carolina. State hospital data are excluded because these hospitals are not subject to the certificate of need law. The data include discharges, days of care, ~~and average lengths of stay~~ for all psychiatric patients by their county of residence and age group. [Major Diagnosis Category \(MDC\) code ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes 19 \(Mental Diseases and Disorders\)](#) was used in the survey. ~~were 290, 293-302 and 306-314.~~ Where data from Truven Health Analytics were not available, utilization data were obtained from the ~~2016~~ 2017 “Mental Health/Substance Abuse Hospital License Renewal Application” submitted to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation.