

Acute Care Service Committee Oral Report to the SHCC

2017 Summer Petitions and Comments

The Acute Care Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The committee will review and discuss ten petitions at this meeting. Related materials will be posted online on the Healthcare Planning website.

The following is a brief rundown of the petitions and comments received during the public hearings in July 2017, and the comments received by the August 10 deadline.

CHAPTER 5: ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BEDS

One petition was received to remove the 36-bed need determination for Orange County in the Proposed 2018 SMFP. The Agency received one comment in favor of the petition.

CHAPTER 6: OPERATING ROOMS

Healthcare Planning received seven petitions and one comment to which the agency responded.

OrthoCarolina submitted a petition regarding the Single Specialty Demonstration Project criteria. The petition was twofold: the first part requested a reduction in the charity care requirement from 7% of revenue to 5%; the second part asked that the charity care calculation exclude procedures that do not yet have a Medicare allowable amount. The Agency received three comments regarding this petition: one in favor; one opposed; and one which was opposed to the first part of the request and in favor of the second part of the request.

Cape Fear Valley Medical Center requested an adjustment to the new operating room methodology such that the projected growth rate for surgical cases be held constant when population growth is negative. The agency received one comment in support of the petition.

Wake Forest Baptist Health requested that the need determination for six ORs in the Proposed 2018 SMFP be reduced to four. Two comments were received: one was neutral and one was opposed.

Duke University Health System submitted a comment regarding the definition of a “Health System” as used in the proposed OR methodology. No comments or letters were received.

Wilmington Health submitted a petition for an adjusted need determination for two ORs in Onslow County. This petition was withdrawn on August 18.

Graystone Ophthalmology Associates submitted a petition for an adjusted need determination for one operating room in Catawba County. The Agency received 12 letters of support from physicians in the practice. Six additional letters of support and one comment opposing the petition were received.

Cape Fear Valley Medical Center requested an adjusted need determination for one OR in Cumberland County. The Agency received one comment opposed to the petition and one letter from Cape Fear Valley Health in favor of the petition.

Fresenius Vascular Care (d/b/a Azura Vascular Care) and four other vascular and nephrology practices submitted a petition to request an adjusted need determination for a demonstration project to develop two ORs in each of the six HSAs to provide vascular access services for end-stage renal disease patients. The Agency received 62 letters of support. Three comments were received in opposition to the petition.

CHAPTER 7: OTHER ACUTE CARE SERVICES

No petitions or comments were received.

CHAPTER 8: INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES

One petition was received requesting an adjusted need determination for 50 inpatient rehabilitation beds in HSA III. The Agency received 93 letters of support and two comments in opposition.

The committee will provide recommendations to the SHCC in preparation for the *2018 SMFP* at the October 4, 2017 meeting.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.