

CHAPTER 9

END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE DIALYSIS FACILITIES

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Assumptions of the Methodology

1. Home patients will not be included in the determination of need for new stations. Home patients include those that receive hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis in their home.
2. Facilities may have at least one dialysis station dedicated to training of home dialysis patients. If so, these stations are included in the planning inventory.
3. Under the facility need methodology, any facility at 75% utilization or greater as of the current reporting date may apply to add dialysis stations.
4. Facilities that are eligible to add stations based on the facility need methodology may add the number of stations calculated by the methodology, up to a maximum of 20 stations in a single calendar year.
5. Facilities certified and in operation at least 9 but less than 21 months do not have a need determination in the SMFP. Rather, they may apply to add stations based on Condition 1 in the Facility Need Methodology.
6. Facilities that meet the definition of “small” under Condition 1.a in the Facility Need Determination Methodology may apply for additional stations either under Condition 1.b or Condition 2. “Small” facilities may not apply under both Condition 1.b and Condition 2 in the same year.

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Facility Need Determination Methodology

A dialysis facility located in a county that has no county need determination in the current SMFP may apply for additional stations under one of the two following conditions.

Condition 1: Pertains to “new” facilities and “small” facilities.

- a. “New” facilities are defined as those facilities certified and in operation at least nine but less than 21 months as of the “data cut-off date” for the current SMFP. This date is the last date on which the Agency updates data before publication of the current SMFP; the date is listed on the inside cover page of the SMFP. The number of days in a month is calculated as $365.25/12$. (The “data cut-off date” occurs during the first week in October, but the actual date varies by year.) Facilities meeting this definition will be identified as such in Table 9B of the SMFP.

“Small” facilities are defined as those facilities with fewer than a total of 13 certified stations, which includes CON-approved stations and stations applied for, as of the data cut-off date for the current SMFP.

Proposed language clarification for 2021 Proposed SMFP

The facility's "current" reported utilization must be at least 3.0 patients per station in a given week. For purposes of Condition 1 only, "current" means in-center utilization as of a reporting date no more than 90 days before the date the certificate of need application is submitted.

- b. If the facility meets the definition of "small" under Condition 1.a, it may use the following definitions and calculations to determine the number of stations needed:
 - i. Use the "current" and "previous" reporting dates to calculate the facility's growth in utilization. For purposes of Condition 1 only, "previous" means in-center utilization as of a reporting date six months before the "current" reporting date.
 - ii. Subtract the facility's number of in-center dialysis patients on the previous reporting date from the facility's number of in-center dialysis patients on the current reporting date. The difference is the net in-center change for six months.
 - iii. Divide the result of Condition 1.b.ii by the number of in-center patients from the previous reporting date. Then multiply that result by 2 to determine the projected annual growth rate.
 - iv. Multiply the result from Condition 1.b.iii by the facility's number of in-center patients as of the current reporting date.
 - v. Add the result from Condition 1.b.iv to the number of in-center patients as of the current reporting date.
 - vi. Divide the result of Condition 1.b.v by 2.8.
 - vii. Subtract the sum of (a) the facility's number of stations as of the current reporting date and (b) the number of pending new stations for which a certificate of need application has been approved or is under review from the result of Condition 1.b.vi. The remainder is the number of stations needed. Round fractions of 0.5 or greater to the next highest whole number.
- c. The facility may apply for any number of stations up to the number calculated in Condition 1.b.vii, up to a maximum of 10 stations.
- d. New facilities and small facilities may be eligible to apply to add stations in one Category D.1 certificate of need review cycle. That is, a new facility may apply to add stations in any Category D.1 review cycle, but it can apply only once during the period that it is defined as a new facility (see Chapter 3). A small facility may apply to add stations in any Category D.1 review cycle, but it can apply only once during a calendar year.

Condition 2: Pertains to facilities certified and in operation at least 21 months as of the data cut-off date for the current SMFP (*Table 9B*).

- a. A facility may add stations if its utilization reported in the current SMFP is at least 75%, or 3.0 patients per station per week or greater [$((\text{Column L}/\text{Column K})/4) = \text{Column M}$].
- b. If the facility's utilization reported in the current SMFP meets Condition 2.a, use the following calculations to determine the number of stations needed:

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