

Proposed Change to Policy AC-3

Policy AC-3: Exemption from Plan Provisions for Certain Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospital Projects

Projects for which certificates of need are sought by Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospitals may qualify for exemption from the need determinations of this document. The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section shall designate as an Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospital any facility whose application for such designation demonstrates the following characteristics of the hospital:

1. Serves as a primary teaching site for a school of medicine and at least one other health professional school, providing undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate education.
2. Houses extensive basic medical science and clinical research programs, patients and equipment.
3. Serves the treatment needs of patients from a broad geographic area through multiple medical specialties.

Exemption from the provisions of need determinations of the North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan shall be granted to projects submitted by Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospitals ~~designated prior to January 1, 1990~~ (listed in Appendix F) provided the projects are necessary to meet one of the following unique academic medical needs:

1. Necessary to complement a specified and approved expansion of the number or types of students, residents or faculty that are specifically required for an expansion of students or residents, as certified by the head of the relevant associated professional school; the applicant shall provide documentation that the project is consistent with any relevant standards, recommendations or guidance from specialty education accrediting bodies; or
2. With respect to the acquisition of equipment, is necessary to accommodate the recruitment or retention of a full-time faculty member who will devote a majority of his or her time to the combined activities of teaching (including teaching within the clinical setting), research, administrative or other academic responsibilities within the academic medical center teaching hospital or medical school; or
3. Necessary to accommodate patients, staff or equipment for a specified and approved expansion of research activities, as certified by the head of the entity sponsoring the research; and including, to the extent applicable, documentation pertaining to grants, funding, accrediting or other requirements, and any proposed clinical application of the asset; or
4. Necessary to accommodate changes in requirements of specialty education accrediting bodies, as evidenced by copies of documents issued by such bodies.

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{Note: The Academic Medical Center Teaching Hospitals will be listed in Appendix F of the Proposed 2021 SMFP, due to the SHCC having approved elimination of Appendix B.}