
Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee

Recommendations to the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council

September 28, 2022

The Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee held its final meeting of the year on September 15. The following is an overview of the Committee's recommendations for Long-Term Care Facilities and Services, Chapters 10-16, of the *2023 SMFP*.

Chapter 10: Nursing Homes

The Agency received no petitions relating to Nursing Homes.

Data Updates

There were no significant updates to the tables in this chapter. Application of the methodology currently results in no need determinations.

Chapter 11: Adult Care Homes

The Agency received no petitions relating to Adult Care Homes.

Data Updates

The application of the adult care home methodology currently results in 100 adult care bed need determinations; 30 beds in Anson County, 40 beds in Perquimans County, and 30 beds in Swain County.

Chapter 12: Home Health Services

The Agency received one petition related to this chapter.

Well Care Health petitioned for an adjusted need determination to remove the 12 Medicare-certified home health need determinations and the establishment of a workgroup to examine and revise the methodology. The Agency received six comments regarding this petition, three in support and three in opposition. There is a need determination when the projected deficit in the county exceeds 325 patients. The Petitioner noted that the determination of 12 needs in the Proposed 2023 Plan was inconsistent with the need determinations in prior SMFPs. Based on the application of Criterion 1 and Criterion 3 of the standard methodology, the Proposed 2023 SMFP accurately identified 12 need determinations in the following counties: Brunswick, Catawba,

Edgecombe, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pitt and Robeson. In the absence of data anomalies or artifacts of the calculations in the methodology, the Agency is not inclined to recommend the removal of need determinations. The Petitioner also requested the creation of a workgroup to address the methodology. As a procedural matter, the SHCC chair has full authority regarding the formation and composition of workgroups. The Agency agrees that this methodology needs to be evaluated. However, the Agency declined to make a formal recommendation to the LTBH committee on this matter as part of a response to this petition. However, the State Health Coordinating Council will hold an Interested Parties meeting to discuss possible revision of the Home Health Methodology in the SMFP. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. until noon on October 11 via WebEx. The Committee concurred with the Agency's recommendation to deny the petition.

Data Updates

Updates have been made to the data for home health. Application of the methodology currently results in need determinations for 12 new Medicare-certified home health agencies or offices. However, the committee voted to remove the need determinations from Catawba, Edgecombe, Granville, Guilford, Montgomery, Nash, and Robeson counties. Need determinations remain in Brunswick, Forsyth, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pitt counties.

Chapter 13: Hospice Services

The Agency received no petitions relating to hospice services.

Data Updates

Application of the methodologies currently results in no need determinations for hospice home care agencies and a need determination for eight hospice inpatient beds in Cumberland County.

Chapter 14: Psychiatric Inpatient Services

The Agency received no petitions, comments, or data updates related to this chapter. There is no need determination methodology for these beds.

Chapter 15: Substance Use Disorder Inpatient & Residential Services (Chemical Dependency Treatment Beds)

The Agency received no petitions, comments, or data updates related to this chapter. There is no need determination methodology for these beds.

Chapter 16: Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

The Agency received no petitions, comments, or data updates related to this chapter. There is no need determination methodology for these beds.

Recommendations Related to All Chapters

The Committee recommends to the State Health Coordinating Council approval of Chapters 10 through 16: Long-Term Care Facilities and Services, with the understanding that staff is authorized to continue making necessary updates to the narratives, tables, and need determinations.