

Hospice Home Care Methodology Workgroup

Meeting 3

February 10, 2026



NC DHHS

STATE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
Long-term and Behavioral Health Committee
2025 - 2026 Hospice Home Care Methodology Workgroup Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions Mr. Cooper Linton, Chair
- Review of Workgroup Charge Mr. Linton
- Background (recap of 2nd meeting) Mr. Linton
- Presentation of Model Ms. Elizabeth Brown
- Discussion of Model Workgroup
- Next Steps Workgroup
- Adjournment Mr. Linton

Workgroup Charge

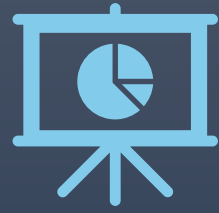


- **Review** the current need determination methodology for hospice home care offices or agencies and **assess its appropriateness** for determining need in all areas of the state.
 - Review petitions for hospice home care offices or agencies submitted to the SHCC for the past 10 years.
 - Gather input from stakeholders to understand the impact of the current methodology and to identify issues of concerns; and
 - Review the factors of the need determination methodology calculations (e.g., annual deaths, hospice deaths, service area configurations) and consider whether changes are warranted.



- If deemed necessary, **develop findings and recommendations** for revisions to the SMFP hospice home care methodology, and present them to the Long-term and Behavioral Health Committee of the SHCC for consideration in Spring 2026.

Model



Service Area: COG regions and Single Counties with 200,000 or more population

Death Rate: Three-year rates 2017-2019 or 2021-2023
Five-year rates 2015-2019 or 2019-2023

Threshold: Deficit of 90, 120, 150 or 180

Placeholder: Any service area with a need determination is assigned a moratorium for two SMFP cycles after the CON is issued

Need Determination Results

COG and Single Counties with 200K + Population Service Areas INCLUDES COVID DEATHS			
Death Rate 2021-2023 or 2019-2023	Threshold Deficit	Total Need Determination	Service Areas
3 Years	90	6	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston, Region C and Gaston
3 Years	120	6	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston, Region C and Gaston
3 Years	150	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston
3 Years	180	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston
5 years	90	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston
5 years	120	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston
5 years	150	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston
5 years	180	4	Region I, Cumberland, Guilford, Johnston

Need Determination Results (continued)

COG and Single Counties with 200K + Population Service Areas PRE-COVID DEATHS			
Death Rate 2017-2019 or 2015-2019	Threshold Deficit	Total Need Determination	Service Areas
3 Years	90	1	Johnston
3 Years	120	1	Johnston
3 Years	150	1	Johnston
3 Years	180	1	Johnston
5 years	90	1	Johnston
5 years	120	1	Johnston
5 years	150	1	Johnston
5 years	180	1	Johnston

Need Determination Results (continued)

Single County Service Areas PRE-COVID DEATHS			
Death Rate 2017-2019 or 2015-2019	Threshold Deficit	Total Need Determination	Service Areas
3 Years	90	2	Johnston, McDowell
3 Years	120	1	Johnston
3 Years	150	1	Johnston
3 Years	180	1	Johnston
5 years	90	2	Johnston, McDowell
5 years	120	1	Johnston
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Summary of Need Determinations

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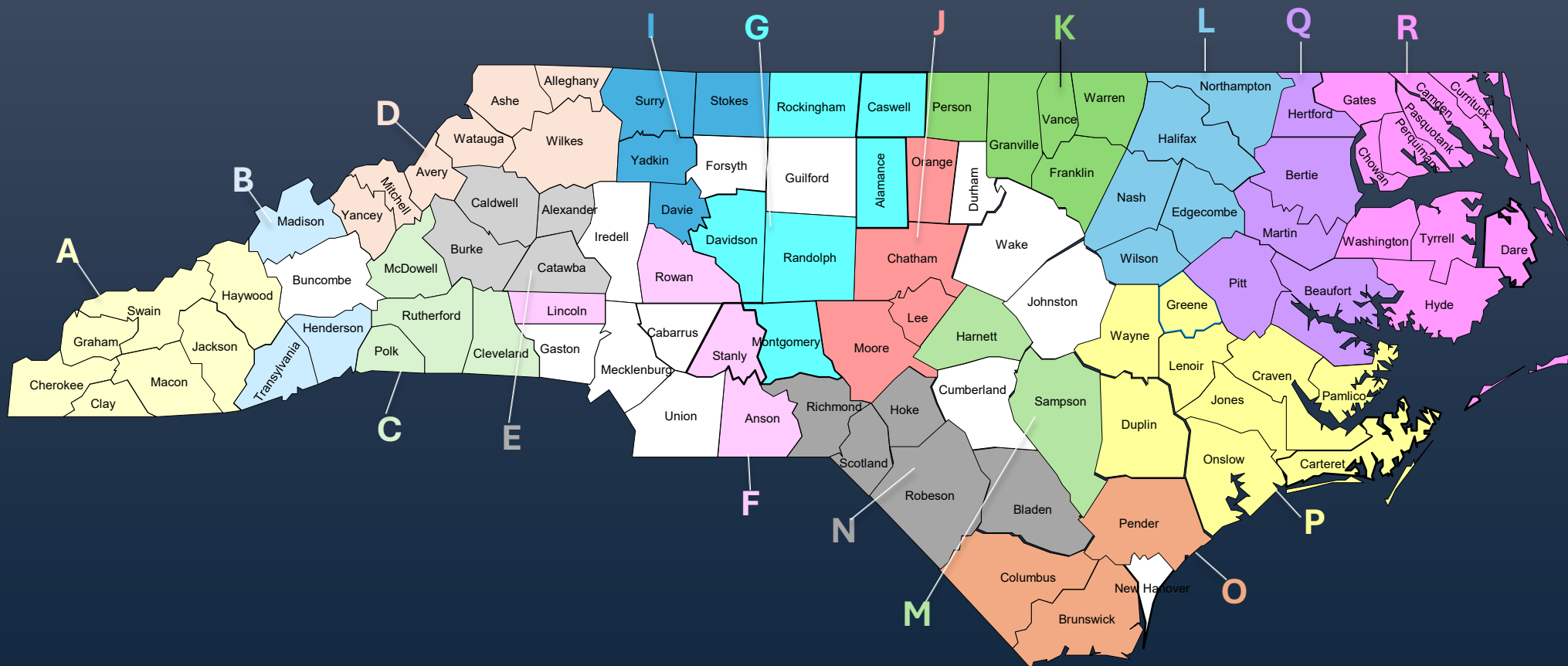
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COG Regions and Single Counties with 200,000 or more population



Counties highlighted in white are single county service areas and have a population $\geq 200,000$.
Uses projected 2027 population figures from NC OSBM.