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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Healthcare Planning Interested Parties Listserv

FROM: Micheala Mitchell, Chief, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need

SUBJECT: Revised Need Determinations for Adult Care Home Beds and Cardiac Catheterization Equipment in the 2024 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan

DATE: June 26, 2024

The 2024 North Carolina State Medical Facilities Plan (SMFP or “Plan”) published in December 2023, contains inaccurate information in certain tables in Chapter 11: Adult Care Homes, and in Chapter 15: Technology and Equipment. These errors occurred because the Agency did not remove the 2023 placeholders for need determinations for which the Agency received no certificate of need applications when preparing the 2024 SMFP. This oversight, as explained below, increased an existing need determination for adult care home beds and added a need determination for one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment to the 2024 SMFP. It did not result in the reduction or elimination of any need determinations in the Plan.

In Chapter 11, the errors appear in Tables 11A, 11C, and 11D. As published, the 2024 SMFP indicates there is a need determination for 20 adult care home beds in the Swain County service area. The removal of the 2023 placeholder increases the need determination to 50 adult care beds in Swain County. The CON application deadline to apply for these beds remains July 15, 2024, and the CON beginning review date remains August 1, 2024. Additionally, the Agency did not receive CON applications for the Anson County service area 2023 need determination. Removal of the placeholder for the Anson County 2023 need determination did not create a need determination for the Anson County service area for the 2024 SMFP.

Tables 15A-3 and 15A-4 in the Cardiac Catheterization section of Chapter 15 in the 2024 SMFP are also inaccurate because the Agency did not receive CON applications in 2023 for cardiac catheterization equipment in Wayne County and the Agency did not remove the placeholder when drafting the 2024 SMFP. Removing the placeholder results in a need determination for one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Wayne County. The CON application due date for this

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equipment will be October 15, 2024, and the CON beginning review date will be November 1, 2024.

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section informed the State Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) of the inaccuracies. The Long-term and Behavioral Health and the Technology and Equipment Committees each held special meetings at which these errors were discussed. Both committees voted to recommend revisions to the tables and SMFP chapters, as described above, to the SHCC. On March 6, 2024, the SHCC concurred with the committees and voted to recommend these amendments to the Governor for approval.

The Governor approved these revisions on June 26, 2024. The Governor's approval and the complete amended Chapter 11 and the cardiac catheterization section of Chapter 15 are posted on the Division of Health Service Regulation's website at the following link: <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/index.html>. The fully revised 2024 SMFP is also posted.

Please contact Healthcare Planning at 919-855-3865 should you have questions regarding this communication.