

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 22215 of Public Act 306 of 1969, as amended, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will hold a hearing on Certificate of Need (CON) Review Standards.

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street, 1st floor
MDCH Conference Center Room B
Lansing, MI 48913



Hospital Beds and Addendum for HIV Infected Individuals

The proposed CON Review Standards for Hospital Beds are being reviewed and modified to include the following:

1. Section 1: Modified for consistency with other CON review standards.
2. Section 2: Definitions used only in certain section(s) have been moved to the applicable section to make it easier for the reader to identify the defined terms.
 - Eliminated definitions that are no longer needed.
 - Modified definitions.
 - Added new definitions:
 - “Adjusted patient days” is defined as it’s used in various sections of the standards.
 - “Excluded hospitals” is defined and is used in various sections of the standards in conjunction with low occupancy.
 - “Hospital group” is defined and replaces the term “hospital subarea.”
 - “Underserved area” is defined and is used in various sections of the standards.
3. Section 3: Updated hospital groups methodology which is the former hospital subarea methodology.
4. Section 4: Updated the bed need methodology.
5. Section 5: Updated consistent with other standards and current practice. The bed need numbers will continue to be posted on the web site as part of the hospital bed inventory, and the appendix in the standards will be eliminated.
6. Section 6: A hospital in a rural or micropolitan statistical area county shall result in a hospital of at least 25 beds, not 50 beds. This will eliminate the majority of waivers requested for small hospitals and is in alignment with the critical access hospitals bed limit of 25.
 - Added low occupancy criteria under subsection (3) for the receiving licensed hospital under Section 8 – relocation.
7. Section 7: A hospital in a rural or micropolitan statistical area county shall result in a hospital of at least 25 beds, not 50 beds. This will eliminate the majority of waivers requested for small hospitals and is in alignment with the critical access hospitals bed limit of 25.
 - Added low occupancy criteria under subsection (3) for replacement.
8. Section 8: Added low occupancy criteria under subsection (3) for relocation.

9. Section 9: Divided requirements into distinct groups: quality assurance, access to care, and monitoring and reporting.
10. Section 15: Added low occupancy criteria under subsection (2) for acquisition.
11. Section 16: Added language for quality assurance assessment program (QAAP), civil monetary penalties (CMP), and state and federal code deficiencies consistent with other CON review standards.
12. Updated/eliminated Appendices as applicable.
13. Addendum for Projects for HIV Infected Individuals has been eliminated.
14. Other technical changes.



Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing on Thursday, February 9, 2012, or submitted in writing via online submission at www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_5106_5409_29279-196938--,00.html, no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012. If your comment is in written form, please provide a copy to the court reporter at the conclusion of your testimony. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tania Rodriguez at 517-335-6708.

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