



The State Health Plan: Proposed Standards and Criteria for Cardiac Catheterization Services

Presentation for Public Meeting

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Tennessee Division of Health Planning



Presentation Overview

- Scope of the State Health Plan
- Background on Cardiac Catheterization Standards and Criteria
- Public Process for Revising CON Standards and Criteria
- New Approaches in CON Standards and Criteria



Scope of the State Health Plan

The State Health Plan provides guidance to the state on*:

- The development of health care programs and policies
- The allocation of health care resources
 - Including, but not limited to, Certificate of Need categories of facilities, services, and equipment

*TCA § 68-11-1625



Background on Cardiac Catheterization Standards and Criteria

- Former Health Planning and Advisory Board developed proposed standards
- In summer, 2008 the Division of Health Planning submitted a modified version of these proposed standards for public comment
- Public comments raised several important issues that warranted further research
- Division then developed a new public process for revising CON standards and criteria



Public Process for Revising Cardiac Cath Standards and Criteria

- Division met with focus groups of providers across Tennessee
- Division submitted a technical questionnaire to the public
- Division submitted draft standards for public comment
- Division holding public hearing on draft standards



New Approaches in CON Standards and Criteria

Based upon the policy statements contained in TCA § 68-11-1625(b), these Proposed Standards:

- Offer Policy Recommendations
- Lay groundwork for an accountability process
- Add new emphasis on access, economic efficiencies, quality, and workforce



State Health Plan Principles

- The purpose of the State Health Plan is to improve the health of Tennesseans
- Every citizen should have reasonable access to health care
- The state's health care resources should be developed to address the needs of Tennesseans while encouraging competitive markets, economic efficiencies and the continued development of the state's health care system



State Health Plan Principles, Cont'd

- Every citizen should have confidence that the quality of health care is continually monitored and standards are adhered to by health care providers
- The state should support the recruitment and retention of a sufficient and quality health care workforce



Policy Recommendations

- Aim to tie CON standards and criteria to the overarching goals and policies of the State Health Plan
- Seek to address issues that arise after the issuance of a CON



Groundwork for an Accountability Process

- Overwhelming concern that CON Standards and Criteria have a level of accountability
- An accountability process must be fair and reasonable for all current and future holders of CONs
- Division of Health Planning is working with the Department of Health Bureau of Health Licensure & Regulation on possible approaches to accountability



New Emphasis on Access, Economic Efficiencies, Quality, and Workforce

- 3 overarching CON Statutory Criteria still apply (Need, Economic Feasibility, and Orderly Development of Health Care)
- Category-specific standards and criteria reflect State Health Plan Principles as well



Conclusion

- Wide scope of the State Health Plan calls for policy recommendations to assist in the coordination of the state's health care system
- Previous Proposed Cardiac Catheterization Standards and Criteria led to extensive research and consultation with providers
- Division has pursued an extensive public process for revising Cardiac Cath CON standards and criteria



Thank You

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<http://www.state.tn.us/finance/HealthPlan/dhp.shtml>