PROPOSED REVISED RECOMMENDATION FROM ACUTE CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Committee concurs with the Acute Care Services Work Group's recommendations for revising the Acute Care Bed Need methodology. The Committee recommends showing the proposed need determinations generated by the Acute Care Bed Need Methodology, as revised by the ACS Work Group, in the 2011 Proposed Plan, but also recommends a need for No New Acute Care beds in the Proposed 2011 SMFP to allow for public comment on and further consideration of any potential impact of the recently enacted national Health Reform, and other relevant effects on bed utilization, prior to implementation of the methodology. In order for any AC Bed Need determination to be brought forward to the Final 2011 Plan, a petition requesting an adjustment must be filed for that AC Bed Need determination. All such petitions and comments from the public hearings will be fully considered by the ACS committee in its fall meeting. Based on this information, the ACS committee will recommend a final bed need, if any, to the SHCC for inclusion in the 2011 SMFP.

Petitioners will be asked to demonstrate what new acute beds are needed in a county or acute bed need service area based on either the revised need methodology or, if other than the need shown in the revised methodology, by the criteria set forth on page 12 of the 2010 SMFP for "Petitions for Adjustments to the Need Determinations" and taking into consideration any impact on utilization and other relevant effects of the recently enacted national Health Reform.