

## Recommended Changes to Chapter 14

### Changes from the Previous Plan

One substantive change has been recommended for the dialysis need methodology in the Proposed 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan. In response to a petition, the Long-Term and Behavioral Health Committee (*later, if adopted...this will be changed to "the Council"*) has recommended removing Veteran's Administration (VA) patients receiving dialysis treatments at VA dialysis clinics from the patient data by county, which is used to project County Need. Dialysis facilities operated by the VA are not regulated by Certificate of Need. Removing these patients from the County Need projections will avoid potential duplication of services for individuals who have access to treatment through the VA based on military service that are not available to the general public.

Veterans receiving dialysis services in non-VA dialysis facilities will continue to be included in the data by county of patient origin, which is used to project need for additional dialysis stations in community-based dialysis facilities that are regulated by Certificate of Need.

No other changes in the dialysis policy or in the dialysis need methodology have been recommended for the Proposed 2013 State Medical Facilities Plan. Dates have been advanced by one year, as needed to represent the time period for the 2013 Plan.

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### Basic Principles

7. Facilities reporting no patients through the Southeastern Kidney Council for four consecutive Semiannual Dialysis Reports, ~~beginning from March 1997,~~ will be excluded from future inventories.

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### Sources of Data

#### Dialysis Patient Data:

(*...at the end of the current wording, with revised dates...add the following:*) Data by county of patient origin provided through the SEKC will exclude patients receiving services at dialysis facilities operated by the Veterans Administration that are not regulated by Certificate of Need.