

Charge to the SHCC 2016-2017 Operating Room Methodology Workgroup

An Operating Room Workgroup has been appointed by the Chair of the State Health Coordinating Council with the following charge:

1. Review the current operating room methodology and assess its appropriateness for determining operating room need in all areas of the state, for both inpatient and outpatient surgery.
 - a. Review changes made to the methodology that were recommended by the 2007 Operating Room Methodology Workgroup and assess their impact.
 - b. Revisit 2007 Workgroup recommendation to change data source from licensure data to billing data (Truven data).
 - c. Review petitions for ORs submitted to DHSR in the past 10 years.
 - d. Gather input from constituencies to understand how the current methodology is working and to identify potential problems.
 - e. Review each variable in the need methodology formula (average hours per procedure, standard hours per OR) and consider whether changes are warranted.
2. If changes in the methodology are needed, prepare recommendations to the Acute Care Committee of the SHCC for their deliberations in Spring, 2017, for possible inclusion in the 2018 SMFP.