

## **Staff Recommendations**

### **Revised Operating Room Methodology:**

#### **Chapter 6 Narrative and Table 6C**

#### **Changes from the Previous Plan**

##### **Add last bullet:**

- When a need is calculated, the minimum need determination is two operating rooms. The maximum operating room need determination in a single service area is six. This change will be evaluated each year to determine its continued appropriateness. These changes will be evaluated after the first year of implementation of the new methodology.

#### **Assumptions of the Methodology**

##### **Add the following paragraph:**

For the 2018 SMFP, when a need is calculated, the minimum need determination for operating rooms is set to two, after rounding. However, service areas with deficits that round to one operating room and consist of rural counties could reasonably expect a favorable decision from the SHCC if they petition for one operating room. The service area is considered to be rural if the county with the facility providing surgical services is a rural county as defined by the North Carolina Rural Center. In addition, the maximum operating room need determination in a service area in a single year will not exceed six, regardless of the deficit calculated. The Agency will reevaluate these two adjustments in 2018 to recommend whether to continue them.

#### **Step 7**

##### **Add Step 7-c:**

- c. For the 2018 SMFP, the “Service Area Need” must be at least two to show an Operating Room Need Determination in Table 6C. If the “Service Area Need” is greater than six, then the Operating Room Need Determination is equal to six.

## Staff Recommendation

### Table 6C: Operating Room Need Determination

*(Proposed for Certificate of Need Review Commencing in 2018)*

It is determined that the Operating Room Service Areas listed in the table below needs additional operating rooms as specified.

Operating Room Service Area	Operating Room Need Determination*	Certificate of Need Application Due Date**	Certificate of Need Beginning Review Date
Buncombe	2	To be determined	To be determined
Durham	4	To be determined	To be determined
Forsyth	4	To be determined	To be determined
Mecklenburg	6	To be determined	To be determined
Orange	6	To be determined	To be determined
Wake	6	To be determined	To be determined
It is determined that there is no need for additional operating rooms anywhere else in the state and no other reviews are scheduled.			

\* Need determination shown in this document may be increased or decreased during the year pursuant to Policy GEN-2 (see Chapter 4).

\*\* Application due dates are absolute deadlines. The filing deadline is 5:30 p.m. on the application due date. The filing deadline is absolute (see Chapter 3).