

## SECTION .3800 - CRITERIA AND STANDARDS FOR ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL BEDS

### 10A NCAC 14C .3801 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to this Section:

- (1) "Applicant hospital" means the hospital where the applicant proposes to develop the new acute care beds and includes all campuses on one license.
- (2) "Approved beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that were issued a certificate of need but are not licensed as of the application deadline for the review period.
- (3) "Average daily census (ADC)" means the total number of acute care days of care provided during a full fiscal year of operation divided by 365 days.
- (4) "Existing beds" means acute care beds in a hospital that are licensed as of the application deadline for the review period.
- (5) "Hospital system" means all hospitals in the proposed service area owned or operated by the applicant or a related entity.
- (6) "Occupancy rate" means the ADC divided by the total number of existing, approved, and proposed acute care hospital beds expressed as a percentage.
- (7) "Proposed beds" means the acute care beds proposed to be developed in a hospital in the application under review.
- (8) "Qualified applicant" shall have the same meaning as defined in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan in effect as of the first day of the review period.
- (9) "Service area" shall have the same meaning as defined in the annual State Medical Facilities Plan in effect as of the first day of the review period.

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