

SYNOPSIS

Rule 111-2-2-.43

Specific Review Considerations for Stereotactic Radiosurgical Services

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation relating to standards for the review of certificate of need applications associated with stereotactic radiosurgical services in light of a proposed rule to include specific standards for these services in Rule 111-2-2-.42, Specific Review Considerations for MegaVoltage Radiation Therapy Services/Units.

~~111-2-2-.43 Specific Review Considerations for Stereotactic Radiosurgical Services Repealed.~~

~~(1) **Applicability.** A certificate of need will be required for the establishment of any new or expanded stereotactic radiosurgical service. Any such establishment or expansion shall be reviewed solely under the general considerations of 111-2-2-.09.~~

~~(2) **Definitions.**~~

~~(a) “Expansion” means the addition of units of stereotactic radiosurgical services equipment, regardless of cost, or the expenditure of funds in excess of the current capital expenditure threshold in association with stereotactic radiosurgical services;~~

~~(b) “Stereotactic Radiosurgical Services” means the provision of therapeutic services as a primary treatment or as a boost or adjunct to other treatments through the precise delivery of high dose radiation in a single session or in fractionated sessions of no more than five per course of treatment. Such treatment involves the use of highly focused radiation beams delivered to a specific area of the brain or body to treat abnormalities, tumors, or other functional disorders. Additionally, this treatment typically employs three-dimensional computer-aided planning and a high degree of immobilization of the head or body. There are three basic forms of stereotactic radiosurgery represented by three different technological instruments. Each instrument operates differently and has a different source of radiation. The three are: Particle beam (proton), Cobalt 60-based (photon), and Linear accelerator based. At the time of the adoption of these Rules, the brand names of stereotactic radiosurgical equipment include Gamma Knife®, a photon based unit, and the following linear accelerator based units: X-Knife®, SynergyS®, Trilogy®, Novalis®, and CyberKnife®.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-5A et seq., 31-6 et seq. **History.** Original Rule entitled “Specific Review Considerations for Stereotactic Radiosurgical Services” adopted. F. Nov. 17, 2005; eff. Dec. 7, 2005.