

SHORT-STAY GENERAL HOSPITAL BEDS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

September 22, 2025 10:30 AM

Members Present: Dawn Benson, Linda Berger, Chet Bhasin, Dr. Edwin Grimsley, Bill Lee, Christine MacEwen, Robin Rau, Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber

The Department of Community Health (the "Department") announced that the meeting will include a review of the numerical need methodologies and exceptions to the numerical need methodologies at Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.20(3)(b) and (c), respectively. The Department proceeded with an overview of these standards.

Regarding Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.20(3)(b), the committee broadly discussed ensuring the consistent use of related terms throughout the Department's rules and considered whether the definition of "replacement" in this standard needs to be updated.

Regarding Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.20(3)(c), the committee discussed whether trauma level(s) should be specified in this standard to replace general references to "trauma center".

In response to past inquiries from the committee, the Department provided information on minimum bed size standards in other states and data on the number of beds, admissions, and occupancy rates at rural and non-rural hospitals throughout Georgia. The committee requested further financial data on hospitals, to the extent that the Department has access to that information.

After inviting additional comments or questions and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.