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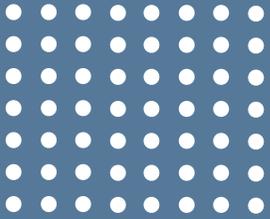
Certificate of Need Technical Advisory Committee

Short-Stay General Hospital Beds

Office of Health Planning

June 30, 2025





TODAY'S AGENDA

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- A. Call to Order**
 - B. Welcome and Introductions**
 - C. Review of Committee Charge, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics**
 - D. Review of Regulatory Framework and Rule**
 - E. Presentation of Department Data**
 - F. Discussion of Next Steps and Meeting Schedule**
 - G. Adjourn**



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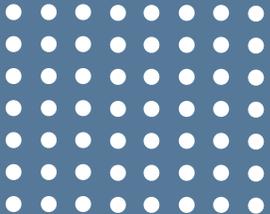
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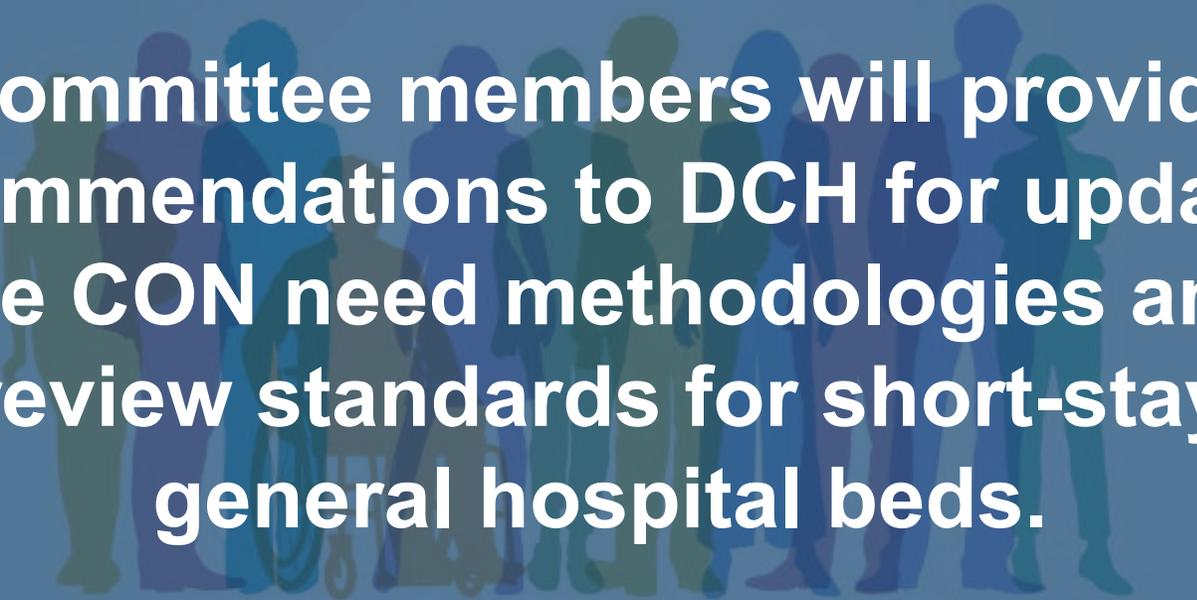
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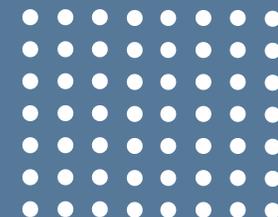
COMMITTEE CHARGE



Committee members will provide recommendations to DCH for updating the CON need methodologies and review standards for short-stay general hospital beds.



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Throughout the process, the Committee is asked to consider:

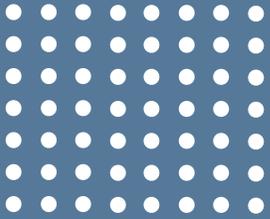
- The best ways to balance consumer, provider, and payer concerns; health system viability; community impact; and a wide range of access considerations (both geographic and financial);
- Issues related to quality and continuity of care;
- Distribution of “safety net” services and related community benefits;
- The importance of system innovation; and,
- Approaches to regulation in other states.



Committee Bylaws

Code of Ethics & Conflict of Interest Policy

- *Please sign and return the acknowledgement form at Attachment A1 on Page 18 that was sent to you via email.*



OVERVIEW OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



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O.C.G.A. § 31-6-1 et seq. resulted in the development of the CON Program.

Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2 establishes the service specific rule for obtaining a CON.



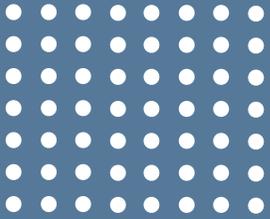
- To ensure adequate health care services and facilities are developed in an orderly and economical manner and are made available to all Georgians.
- Only those health care services that are found to be in the public interest shall be provided by the State.

O.C.G.A. § 31-6-1



- Review proposed health care services;
- Contain health costs;
- Promote economic value;
- Ensure compatibility of health care services with the needs of various areas and populations of Georgia; and
- Prevent unnecessary duplication of services.

Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.02



CERTIFICATE OF NEED RULE FOR SHORT-STAY GENERAL HOSPITAL BEDS

Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.20



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- A CON is required prior to the establishment of a new hospital or the replacement or expansion of an existing hospital.

Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2

- Increases in the bed capacity of an existing hospital up to ten beds or 20 percent of capacity is exempt from prior CON review and approval when certain criteria are met.

Ga. Comp Rules & Regs r. 111-2-2-.03(14)

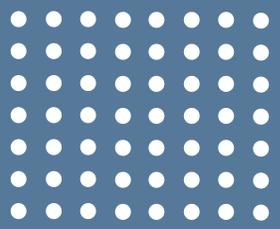


The Short-Stay General Hospital Beds Rule includes the following sections:

- 1) **Applicability.** Includes details regarding when a CON is required and when the rule does not apply.
- 2) **Definitions.** Provides the meaning of the terms used in the rule.
- 3) **Standards.** Guidelines for evaluating CON applications.



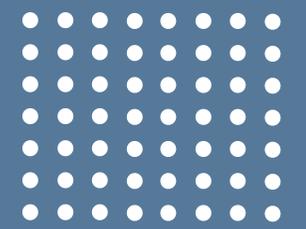
Standards	Location in Rule
New Hospitals – Size and Need Methodology	Standards A, B
Need for Replacement Hospitals and Expanded Hospital Services	Standard B
Exception to Need	Standard C
Adverse Impact	Standard D
Favorable Consideration	Standard E
Financial Access to Care	Standard F
Quality of Care	Standard G
Continuity of Care	Standard H
Consolidation of Rural Hospitals	Standard I
Consolidation of Non-Rural Hospitals	Standard J



SHORT-STAY HOSPITAL BED AVAILABILITY IN GEORGIA



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SHORT-STAY GENERAL HOSPITALS & BEDS BY HEALTH PLANNING REGION (SSDR), 2023

Area 1:

- 12 hospitals
- 1,462 beds
- 2.3 beds/1,000

Area 2:

- 9 hospitals
- 1,761 beds
- 2.3 beds/1,000

Area 3:

- 26 hospitals
- 9,871 beds
- 2.0 beds/1,000

Area 5:

- 9 hospitals
- 1,006 beds
- 1.5 beds/1,000

Area 7:

- 9 hospitals
- 2,124 beds
- 4.2 beds/1,000

Area 4:

- 8 hospitals
- 1,194 beds
- 2.1 beds/1,000

Area 6:

- 10 hospitals
- 1,653 beds
- 3.1 beds/1,000

Area 8:

- 6 hospitals
- 1,325 beds
- 3.3 beds/1,000

Area 9:

- 11 hospitals
- 824 beds
- 2.6 beds/1,000

Area 12:

- 9 hospitals
- 1,809 beds
- 2.3 beds/1,000

Area 10:

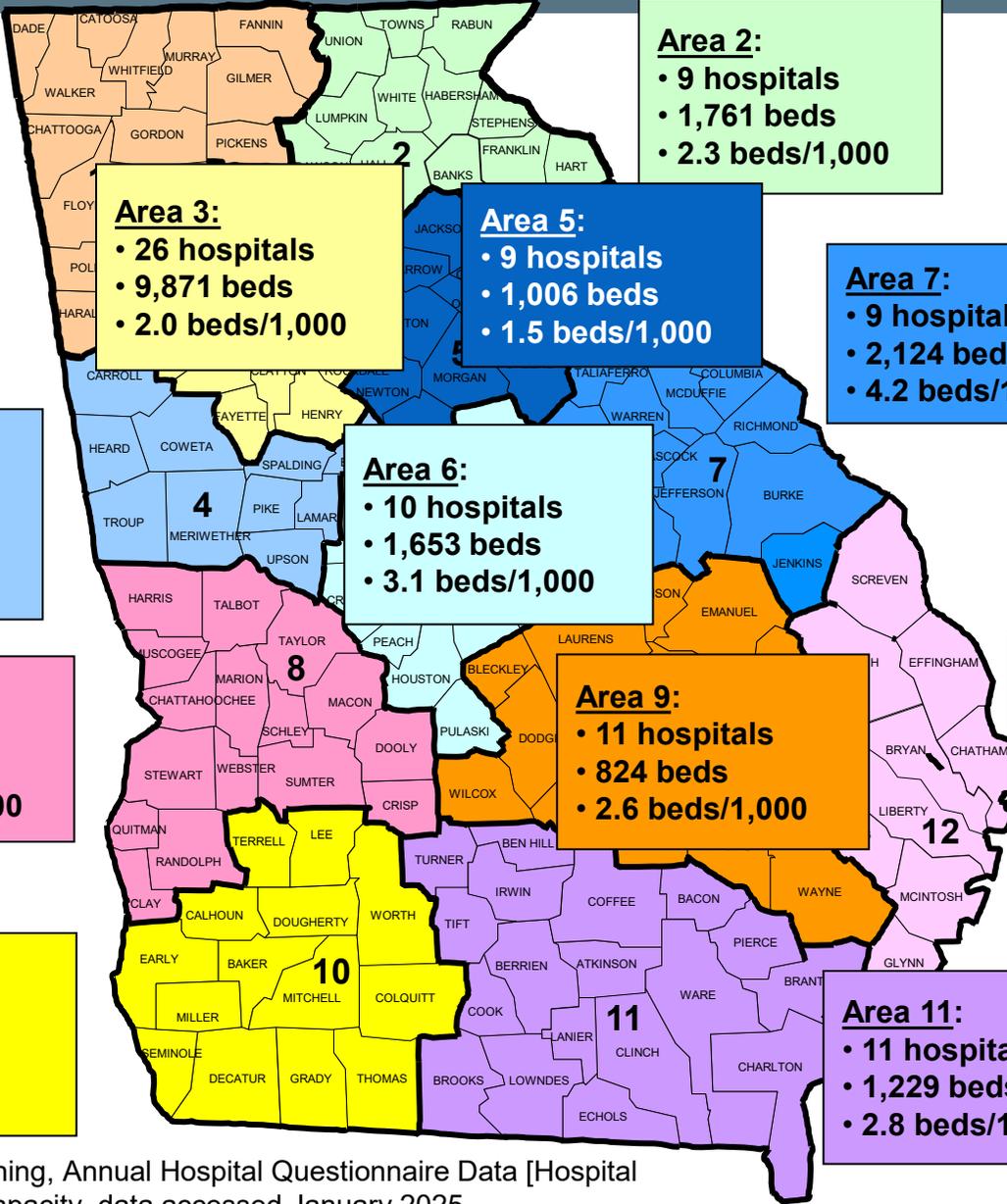
- 10 hospitals
- 1,461 beds
- 4.0 beds/1,000

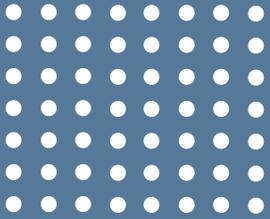
Area 11:

- 11 hospitals
- 1,229 beds
- 2.8 beds/1,000

Statewide:

- 130 general hospitals
- 25,719 general short-stay acute care beds
- 2.3 beds per 1,000 population
- Between 1.5 to 4.2 beds per 1,000 by region





CON REGULATION OF SHORT-STAY HOSPITAL BEDS ACROSS THE U.S.



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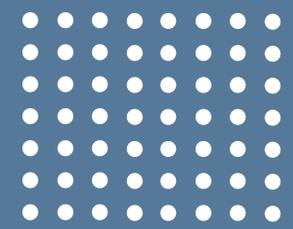
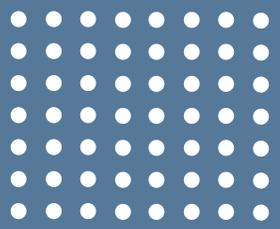
According to a report published in August 2024 by the National Academy for State Health Policy, 35 states had a CON program.

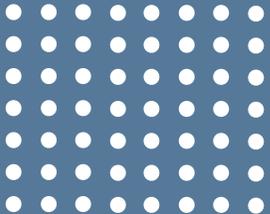
27 states regulate changes in bed capacity as part of their CON program.

DISCUSSION



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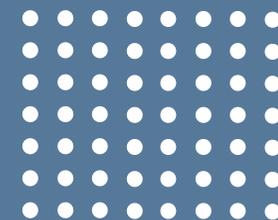




FUTURE MEETINGS AND EXPECTATIONS



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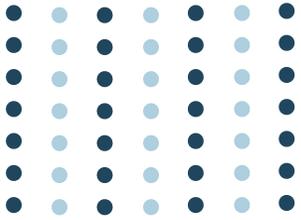




PROPOSED MEETING & REVIEW SCHEDULE



Meeting # / Date	Meeting Content	Standards to be Discussed
Meeting 1: June 30	Introductory Meeting	
Meeting 2	Discussion of applicability and standards regarding required components for CON applicant proposals	A) New Hospitals – Size E) Favorable Consideration F) Financial Access to Care G) Quality of Care H) Continuity of Care
Meeting 3	Discussion of Need Methodology and Exceptions	B) Need for New, Replacement, or Expanded Hospital Services; C) Exception to Need
Meeting 4	Discussion of Impact to Existing Health Care System, Consolidations, and Remaining Standards	D) Adverse Impact I) Consolidation of Rural Hospitals J) Consolidation of Non-Rural Hospitals
Meeting 5	Synthesis and Summary of TAC Findings	
Additional Meeting/ Post-Meetings	Report on TAC Findings Published	



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THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS /
COMMENTS?

