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REPORT OF SHCC MEETING

The SHCC took the following actions at its meeting today:

- A. Letter regarding Section 410-2-3-.03, Cardiac Services**
- the CONRB asked the SHCC to consider “whether it makes sense to continue to distinguish Electrophysiology Labs [which have not been subject to CON review in the past] from Cardiac Catheterization Labs [which have] for purposes of CON review.
 - REFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.
- B. Consideration of Proposed Amendment of Sections 410-2-3-.10, Hospice Services and 410-2-4-.15, Inpatient Hospice**
- for in-home hospices: establishing January 2013 as the date for the SHCC to present any finding of projected need after a three-year period of collecting and analyzing data;
 - for inpatient hospices: requiring the need methodology to be based on average daily census as annually reported to SHPDA, and allowing applicants to provide as supplemental evidence to support a CON application data reported annually to the State of Alabama (other than SHPDA) or the federal government.
 - APPROVED.
- C. Consideration of Proposed Amendment of Section 410-2-4-.09, Swing Beds**
- limiting rural hospitals to no more than 10 swing beds and allowing critical access hospitals to have up to 25 swing beds.
 - APPROVED.

D. Consideration of Proposed Amendment of Section 410-2-4-.04, Additional Planning Policies

- requiring all CON-authorized SCALF beds to be included in consideration of occupancy rate and bed need; allowing a county's bed need to be increased by 16 SCALF beds if occupancy for the county is greater than 92% based on census data in the most recent full year SCALF annual report published by or filed with SHPDA; allowing a facility's bed need to be increased by 16 beds if occupancy for the facility is greater than 92% based on census data in the most recent full year SCALF annual report published by or filed with SHPDA; and requiring applications for new freestanding SCALF facilities to request at least 16 beds.

APPROVED.

Items approved by the SHCC will be submitted for public comment in January 2011.

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