

90811 Health Facility Planning Areas

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The Office shall designate health facility planning areas to be used by area agencies for the planning and review of facilities, services, and equipment.

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In designating health facility planning areas, the Office shall consider at least the following factors: (1) Size and distribution of resident and transient population and demographic characteristics. (2) Population base required to support specified types of facility health resources. (3) Natural geographic boundaries. (4) Governmental jurisdictions. (5) Transportation routes and travel time. (6) Trade patterns. (7) Number and distribution of major providers. (8) Customary health service delivery patterns. (9) Location of existing facilities and services. (10) Climatic conditions that affect the use of health resources. (11) Patterns of patient origin.

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(c)

Health facility planning areas shall, to the extent possible, not divide county boundaries, individual health planning areas, or census tracts.

(d)

Health facility planning areas should encompass the largest population base possible to assure economic feasibility and quality of care.

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Changes in health facility planning areas may be proposed to the Office by area agencies at any time; however, the Office shall consider such proposals on an annual basis with the advice of the Council.